SORTING SOME OF THE WRIGHTS OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

PART X: 1690 FRANCIS WRIGHT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, HIS WIFE MARY (HILL) (WRIGHT) (LAWRENCE) MEREDITH, AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

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INTRODUCTION

Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia is a multipart project. Each part will discuss a separate Wright family, beginning with the oldest known ancestor of that line. This work 1690 Francis Wright Of Lancaster County, His Wife Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith, And His Descendants is Part X of the project.

The material for this project is organized in four sections. The first is the text, the second is the descendants charts, the third is the sources, and the fourth is a set of appendices.

The text provides full and literal transcriptions of all documents and sources found for the individuals discussed, as well as explanations of the significance of documents and the evidentiary logic for conclusions that are not obvious on their face. Six generations of descendants are discussed. Every researcher has faced the frustration of an asserted identification without a source reference or explanation of the conclusion or with a source reference which when consulted turns out to say something different than what was claimed. By providing full transcriptions of sources, I hope to allow the reader to reach their own conclusions regarding the identifications given and avoid the need to search out the source, even though this adds considerably to the length of the text. When secondary sources are relied on, the person providing the information is listed.

The descendants charts are organized with the oldest ancestor in the first column and each descendant from that ancestor in the remaining columns, to the extent known. The basic data of date and place of birth, marriage, residence, and death are given for each individual. The sources for that information are also given for each individual, using code numbers to the source list. I have limited the descendants chart to eight generations to reduce the public disclosure of information about living persons. I will be happy to share the information on later generations with interested researchers.

The source list provides first a chronological listing of sources as they were found or consulted and second a listing by geographic area and type of source, such as birth records or death records. The chronological listing evolved from my early years in research and mistaken efforts at coding the source. By the time I realized the inappropriateness of the coding format, there was too much information in a pre-computer era to correct the early references. The reader is left with the result and my apology.

The appendices list all of the known Wright documents for a particular type of record for a county in chronological order and include an identification of the Wright named in the record. These appendices have been published separately by Heritage Books, Inc., and to date have included Wright birth, marriage, personal property tax,

census, deed, land tax, death, cemetery, and probate records for Bedford, Franklin, Campbell, and Prince Edward Counties, Virginia, the City of Lynchburg, and Appomattox, Amherst, Nelson, Rockbridge, and Montgomery Counties, Virginia. Other counties will follow in the future. The appendices allow a cross referencing of the known records to the person discussed. This is to avoid having the same record cited for two different persons who happened to have the same name and to provide a list of documents that have not been associated with any person and which might be inconsistent with asserted identifications.

The numerous Wrights found in the same geographic areas necessitated an identification system to keep their identities separated. The system selected early on was to list a person by their year of death and county of residence at death, when known. For example, "1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County" indicates that this was the Francis Wright who died in 1690 in Lancaster County. If no state is listed after the county, the state is Virginia; counties in states other than Virginia have a state listed after the county, as in "1876 William S. Wright of Highland County, Ohio." A parenthetical after the name indicates an identification of the person when a place of death is not yet known, as in "John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter)." A county in parentheses after the name indicates the county with which that person was most identified when no evidence of the place of death has yet been found, as in "John Wright (Montgomery County)."

Although Lancaster County is hardly associated with southern Virginia, the result of the research and evidence presented in this work identifies 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County as the father of Francis Wright and grandfather of 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County discussed in Part VII of Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia and also as the father of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County and grandfather of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) discussed in Part II of Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia. These connections were not expected when Parts II and VII were originally written and are the happy result of both further documentary discoveries and Y-DNA sequencing of descendants of these Wright lines.

No work of this size is done without help. My friend Diane Smith has typed and revised over 100,000 pages of documents, text, and descendants charts, often from barely readable copies and nearly indecipherable handwriting. Together we have gone through almost every iteration of word processing program and media, including IBM, Wang, and Word Perfect, magnetic cards, 6½" floppies, 3½" floppies, flashsticks, and DOS. The evolution of technologies that are incompatible or no longer accessible supports my faith in the printed word.

Numerous other researchers have shared their records and research, often providing the breakthrough which permitted the identification of a person. I have attempted to recognize those fellow researchers by identifying their contributions in the

text and source list. The quotations from published works are made with the permission of the author.

And my wife has patiently accepted the piling up of boxes of documents, notebooks filled with documents, text, descendants charts, and appendices and a work table piled with work to be done.

Thank you to all for your help and patience and I hope the reader finds that this work justifies the effort.

This is a work in process and I would be most interested in receiving additional information about any of the persons identified in these records in order to correct any errors or expand on the information given.

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X. 1690 Francis Wright Of Lancaster County, His Wife Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith, And His Descendants

1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County was born possibly before 1646 and probably before 1654, may have been the Francis Wright who was transported to Virginia by Jonathan and George Mott before September 23, 1663, married Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith before January 11, 1670/71, probably in Lancaster County, Virginia, and died after October 10, 1688, and before August 13, 1690, in Lancaster County, Virginia. Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith was born probably before 1656 and died before March 8, 1706/07, in Lancaster County, Virginia. 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith had the following children:

1) Francis Wright, born before January 12, 1677/78, probably in Lancaster County, Virginia,

2) Charles Wright, born before January 12, 1677/78, probably in Lancaster County, Virginia,

3) Mary (Wright) Briggs, born before January 12, 1698/99, probably in Lancaster County, Virginia, and

4) John Wright, born after September 14, 1678, and before June 14, 1684, probably in Lancaster County, Virginia.

The following material will present the documentation found to date and the evidence and reasoning on which the above information is based.

Cavaliers And Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents And Grants 1623-1666, Volume I, by Nell Marion Nugent listed Patent Deed 2/23 dated June 5, 1645, to John Shepard as follows:

> "John Shepard (Sheppard), 179 acs. York Co., June 5, 1645, Page 23. Betwixt land now in possession of Tho. Hudson on the E. & on W. bounded with land of Henry Bullard. Due sd. Sheppard for trans. of 7 pers: Richd. Haines, George Haynes, Hugh Aden, Charles Hill."

As will be set forth below, Charles Hill was the father of Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith. This record indicates that Charles Hill emigrated to Virginia before June 5, 1645.

Virginia Colonial Abstracts - Series 2, Vo. 2, Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Orders and Deeds, 1656-1680 by Lindsay O. Duvall stated that on September 12, 1660, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1656-1666/123 the following order was entered:

> "Ardry hill gave her three children their cattle. Kathryn hill 2 cows; John & Mary hill one cow; Hannah hill one heifer"

As will be set forth below, 1690 Francis Wright married Mary Hill, the orphan of Charles Hill. This record, in conjunction with other records set forth below, indicates that Ardrey or Audrey (____) Hill was the wife of Charles Hill and the mother of Mary (Hill) Wright.

Virginia Colonial Abstracts - Series 2, Vo. 2, Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Orders and Deeds, 1656-1680 by Lindsay O. Duvall stated that on September 11, 1661, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1656-1666/152 the following order was entered:

> ". . . . by an attachment presented by Will. ffrizell & Ardrey his Wife Administrix to Charles Hill late decd. & they have pd. beyond ye appeizement of ye sd. hill his Est., a Quietus Est. is granted upon the sd. Est. . . . ."

This record, in conjunction with other records set forth below, indicates that Ardrey or Audrey (____) Hill married as her second husband William Frizell.

Virginia Colonial Abstracts - Series 2, Vo. 2, Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Orders and Deeds, 1656-1680 stated that on November 13, 1661, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1656-1666/165 the following order was entered:

> "John ffrizle & Ardry his Wife Admors. of the Est. of Charles Hill, that the sd. Hill in his life was employed by the Vestry of ye Pish of Piankelacke to go to James Citty for the defending of some differences between the sd. Pish of Piankelancke & ye Pish of Lancaster, & Hill did disburse a quantity of tob:ca & it is ordered that the members of Pianketanck do pay ffrizle."

Cavaliers And Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents And Grants 1666-1695, Volume II, by Nell Marion Nugent listed Patent Deed 6/73 dated September 23, 1663, to Jno. and George Mott as follows:

> "Jno. & George Mott, 1200 acs. on the N. side & in the freshes of Rappa. Riv., 23 Sept. 1663, p. 73. Beg. on S. E. Side of Muddy Cr., &c Granted to Tho. Paine & Cyprian Bishop, deserted, &c. Trans. of 24 pers: Jno. Cocke, Su. Lodge, Wm. Hence (or Henie), Wm. Smith, Jno. Banting, Alex. Smith, Francis

Wright, Wm. Bellingham, Tho. Coft, Isaak Mathewson, Tho. Ford, Jno. Jones, David Sommerfeild, Dorcas Barrow, Samll. Prickloe; Hanah Rosier, Jeffrey Graves, Jno. Thomas, Nich. Menler, Tho. Johnson, Ann Greene, Tho. Barnett, Jacob East, Wm. Kirkeham."

The listing of Francis Wright as one of the persons transported to Virginia by Jonathan and George Mott indicates that he was the immigrant ancestor. While further research will be required to confirm that the Francis Wright of this record was the same person as 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County, no other record of 1690 Francis Wright before January 11, 1670/71, has as yet been found, suggesting that this may well have been the record of his immigration to Virginia. If this was Francis Wright was 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County, then he was probably over 18 years of age at the time of emigration, indicating that his date of birth would be probably before 1646.

Virginia Colonial Abstracts - Series 2, Vo. 2, Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Orders and Deeds, 1656-1680 stated that on March 9, 1663/4, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1656-1666/272 the following order was entered:

"The now Wife of Willm. ffrizle ye Widd. & Relict of Charles hill deced the eldest daughter of sd. hill the sd. ffrizle is admitted the guardian."

Virginia Colonial Abstracts - Series 2, Vo. 2, Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Orders and Deeds, 1656-1680 stated that on December 14, 1664, at Lancaster County,Virginia, Court Order Book 1656-1666/317 the following order was entered:

"Christopher Kelby who marryed Kathryn one of the Orphts. of Charles Hill decd & Will. ffrizle Guardian to the sd. Orphts. to deliver to the sd. Kelby the cattle for his Wife."

This record indicates that Mary (Hill) Wright's sister was Kathryn (Hill) Kelby.

Virginia Colonial Abstracts - Series 2, Vo. 2, Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Orders and Deeds, 1656-1680 by Lindsay O. Duvall stated that on September 14, 1665, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1656-1666/352 the following order was entered:

"Cattle belonging to the Orphts. of Charles hill decd. by Will ffrizle given to Mary & Hannah."

This record identifies Mary Hill as a daughter of Charles Hill and Ardrey or Audrey (_____) (Hill) Frizell or Frizle and identifies her sister as Hannah Hill.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 by Ruth and Sam Sparacio stated that on January 11, 1670/71, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/177 the court ordered that Will Frizell deliver to Francis Wright and Mary, his wife, an orphan of Charles Hill, deceased, all cattle belonging to Mary:

> "Lancaster County Court 11th of January 1670/71
> . . . .
> Ordered by this Cort. that Will: Frizell doe foorthwth deliver up unto Francys Wright & Mary his Wife, one of ye late Orphts. of Charles Hill, (deced.) all ye Cattle belonginge to ye sde. Mary wth: costs"

This record indicates that Francis Wright and Mary Hill had married before January 11, 1670/71, and identifies Mary (Hill) Wright as the daughter of Charles Hill. If Francis was at least 18 years of age at the time of this marriage, then his date of birth would be probably before 1654 and if Mary was at least 16 years of age at the time of this marriage, then her date of birth would be probably before 1656.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1671 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/212 listed one Francis Wright on November 8, 1671:

> "Lancaster County Court 8th of November 1671
> . . . .
> To receave of (vist.)
> . . . .
> Fran: Wright upon Frizles lande 2
> . . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1672 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/245 listed one Francis Wright on November 12, 1672:

> "Lancaster County Court 12th of November 1672
> . . . .
> Francis Wright 11
> . . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1673 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/276 listed one Francis Wright on December 14, 1673:

"Lancaster County Court 14th of December 1673

. . . .

Francis Wright 2

. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1674 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/301 listed one Francis Wright on November 11, 1674:

"Lancaster County Court 11th of November 1674

. . . .

Francis Wright 3

. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1675 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/337 listed one Francis Wright on November 10, 1675:

"Lancaster County Court 10th of November 1675

. . . .

Francis Wright 3

. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on March 8, 1675/76, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/350 Francis Wright was appointed an appraiser of the estate of Thomas Nash:

"Lancaster County Court 8th of March 1675/76

. . . .

Commission of Administracon accordinge to Acte upon the Estate of Thomas Nash (deced), is granted unto William Nash, the only Brother and heire to the saide Thomas Nash, hee giveing security accordinge to Accte. William Thatcher, John Carter, Francis Wright and Francis Porter are ordered to apprize the saide Estate. An Inventory thereof to be exhibited to the nexte Cort. Wm: Edmonds security"

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on January 9, 1677/78, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/401 Francis Wright was appointed an appraiser of the estate of Thomas Edmonds:

> "Lancaster County Court 9th of January 1677/78
>
> . . . .
>
> A Probate of the Last Will and Testamt. nuncuapative of Thomas Edmonds, (deced), is granted unto William Edmonds accordinge to the tenor of the (deceds) Will. Jerimiah Packquet, Thomas Buckley, William Nash and Francis Wright are ordered to apprize the saide Estate and to bee sworne by the nexte Justice. An Inventory thereof to bee exhibited to the nexte Cort."

Virginia Colonial Abstracts - Series 2, Vo. 2, Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Orders and Deeds, 1656-1680 by Lindsay O. Duvall stated that on May 8, 1677, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1666-1680/36 the following order was entered:

> "Pet. of Xpofer Kelly and Katherine his wife one of the Daughters and heirs of of Charles hill decd.; the guardianship of the orphts. of the sd. hill is given to them with the Estates, now in the pssession of Will. ffrizle their ffather in Law."

This record confirms that William Frizell or Frizle married the widow of Charles Hill and identifies Kathryn or Katherine Hill as the wife of Christopher Kelly or Kelby.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1678 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/450 listed one Francis Wright on November 14, 1678:

> "Lancaster County Court 14th of November 1678
>
> . . . .
>
> Persons
>
> . . . .
>
> Francis Wright 3
>
> . . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on March 12, 1678/79, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/466 Francis Wright was appointed a constable:

> "Lancaster County Court 12th of March 1678/79

. . . .
Att this Court, Francis Wright is ordered to bee Constable in the roome of William Cooke (deced) and to bee sworne by the nexte Justice"

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on June 3, 1679, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/477 Francis Wright, as constable, was ordered to take a list of tithables:

"Att an Especially Court helde for the County of Lancastr: June the 3d. Ao: Dom: 1679, att the Courthouse there, accordinge to Acte of ye Last Assembly

Pr:sent	Coll. Wm. Ball	Mr. Brian Stott
	Lt. Coll. Jno: Carter	Capt. Wm: Ball
	Mr. Robt. Griggs	Capt. David Fox

Whereas by Acte of a Grand Assembly made att James Citty the 25th day of Aprill last past, It was enacted that Storehouses at Garrisons bee forthwth: erected and built att the heade of the foure principal Rivers of this Countrey, for the speedy putting in execucon of the sde. Acte, It is enacted that Courts bee forthwth: called in the respective Counties and accordinge to the saide Acte, a Court for this County was this day called and finding for want of a true list of Titheables, this Court could not pr:ceede accordinge to the saide Acte, doe therefore order that the sevall: Justices and Militia Officers of this County doe forthwth: issue forth their severall warrants to the severall and respective Constables wth:in their pr:cincts requireing and commanding them forthwth: to goe from House to House wth:in their pr:cincts then and there to take an exacte accounte of the Christian and Surnames of each Titheable p:son wth:in their respective families and that the severall and respective Constables in White Chapell Pish: doe make retorne of their pr:ceedeings on Saturday the seventh Instant to the House of Capt. David Fox. Mr. Laurence, Constable, his pr:ceedeings to bee retorned to Mr. Robert Griggs on the same day. Francis Wright, Constable, his pr:ceedeings to bee retorned to Major Edward Dale on the same day, and that the severall and respective Justices doe give power wth:in their Warrants to each Constable wth:in their precincts to Impress one wth:in his Lymitts that can write to goe wth: hym to take the Acct. of Titheables as aforesaide, in writeing, and that the sevall: Justices and Militia Officers of this County doe on the tenth Instant meete att the Courthouse of this County then and there to pr:ceede accordinge to the saide Acte and that the Clerke bee there to attende

Teste
John Stretchley, Cl: Cur:"

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1679 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/517 listed one Francis Wright on December 10, 1679:

"Lancaster County Court 10th of December 1679

. . . .

Francis Wright 1

. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on March 10, 1679/80, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/526 Francis Wright was discharged as constable:

"Lancaster County Court 10th of March 1679/80

. . . .

Att this Court, Francis Wright is discharged from the Office of Constable and Robert Longworth is ordered to succeede hym and to bee sworne by the nexte Justice"

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on May 16, 1680, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/531 Francis Wright and Edwin Conoway were ordered to make an inventory of the estate of Francis Porter:

"Lancaster County Court 16th of May 1680

For the secureing of the Estate of Francis Porter (deced), from Imbezlemt. Thomas Wells and Margaret, his Wife, the late Widdowe and Relicte of the saide Porter, relinquishing their right of Administracon to the sde. Estate, It is therefore ordered that Mr. Edwin Conoway and Francis Wright doe betweene this and the nexte Court helde for this County, make a p:fecte Inventory of the saide Porters Estate and to exhibite the same to the saide Court. Thomas Wells and his Wife, are ordered to appeare att the saide Court to make Oath to the Truth of the same. The Children to remaine wth: Henery Boateman, the Brother in Lawe, untill the nexte Vestery Helde for Christ Church Pish:"

Virginia Colonial Abstracts - Series 2, Vo. 2, Lancaster County, Virginia, Court Orders and Deeds, 1656-1680 by Lindsay O. Duvall stated that on May 26, 1680, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1666-1680/531 the following order was recorded:

"Estate of Francis Porter, decd., Thomas Wells and Margaret his wife the late Widdow and Relict of the sd. Porter relinquishing their right of Adm., Mr. Edwin Conway and ffrancis Wright take it and are to exhibit an inventory."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on September 8, 1680, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1680-1686/7 Francis Wright, William Nash, John Somners, and Ralph Briggs were ordered to make an inventory and appraisement of the estate of Francis Porter:

"Lancaster County Court 8th of September 1680

. . . .

Ordered by this Court that a true and p:fecte Inventory of the Estate of Francis Porter (deced), bee by William Nash, Jno: Somners, Francis Wright and Ralph Briggs forthwth: taken and apprized, they to bee sworne by the nexte Justice and the saide Inventory to bee exhibited to the nexte Court where Thomas Wells and Margaret his Wife, the late Widdowe and Relicte of the saide Porter, are ordered to appeare to make Oath to the Truth thereof"

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1680 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 1680-1686/22 listed one Francis Wright on November 11, 1680:

"Lancaster County Court 11th of November 1680

. . . .

315 x 222 = 69595; 335 of which ordered to bee pde. to the Clerke

. . . .

Francis Wright 1

. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1682 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 2/108 listed one Francis Wright on January 16, 1683/83:

"Lancaster County Court 16th of January 1682/83

. . . .

Fran: Wright 2

. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1683 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 2/140 listed one Francis Wright in November 1683:

"Lancaster County November Court 1683

. . . .

Francis Wright 1

. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1686 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 2/267 listed one ____ Wright as well as one John Wright on December 8, 1686:

"Lancaster County Court 8th of December 1686
. . . .
____ Wright 1
. . . .
John Wright 1
. . . ."

The consistency of the listings of Francis Wright both before and after the 1686 Tithe List suggests that this listing was for him as well.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1687 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 3/55 listed one Francis Wright on November 9, 1687:

"Lancaster County Court 9th of November 1687
. . . .
John Wright 1
Francis Wright 1
. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on December 8, 1687, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 3/81 Francis Wright was appointed an appraiser of the estate of John Vince:

"At a Court helde for the County of Lancastr: February the 8th Ano: Dom: 1687 at the Courthouse there Present Captn. William Ball Mr. George Heale Mr. Bryan Scott Mr. Raleigh Travers
. . . .
A P:bate of the last Will and Testamt. of John Vince, (deced), is granted unto Wm: Nash and George Page according to the tenor of the saide Will. William Edmonds, Francis Wright, Christopher Kirk and Robert Hill are ordered to appraize the saide Estate and to bee sworne by the next Justice. An Inventory thereof to bee exhibited to the next Court"

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that a list of the persons able to bear arms for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 3/81 listed one Francis Wright and two John Wrights on December 14, 1687:

"Lancaster County Court 14th of December 1687

. . . .
John Wright
Francis Wright

. . . .
Jno: Wright
. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1688 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 3/95 listed one Francis Wright on October 10, 1688:

"Lancaster County Court 10th of October 1688

. . . .
Francis Wright 1
. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on August 13, 1690, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1686-1696/136 the court granted administration of the estate of Francis Wright to his widow Mary Wright and John Wright was appointed as appraiser of the estate:

"Lancaster County Court 13th of August 1690

. . . .
Commission of Administracon according to Acte upon the Estate of Francis Wright, (deced), is granted unto Mary Wright, his Widdow, she giveing security according to Acte. Wm. Edmonds, Henery Boateman, Thomas Hubberd and John Wright are ordered to appraise the said Estate and to bee sworne by the next Justice. An Inventory thereof to bee exhibited to the next Court. Mr. Jerimiah Packquet and Thomas Thompson, securities"

This record indicates that Francis Wright died before August 13, 1690, in Lancaster County, Virginia.

Virginia County Court Records, Deed & Will Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1652-1710 stated that on September 26, 1690, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 7/33 Mary assigned a tract of land on which she then lived to William Lawrence in anticipation of their marriage:

"Know all men by these psents____ shall come I Mary Wright widdow and relicte of Francis Wright decd____ said greeting in our Lord God Everlasting whereas my father Charles Hill died seized of a tracte of land containing three hundred Acres scituate lyieing and being on the Easte most bank of Corrotoman in the

County of Lancaster and left mee heiress to the Saide Lande whereon I now dwell Now know yee that for diverse and Sundry Causes mee thereunto miveing I doe by these psents give assigne and make over unto my trusty and well beloved freind and contracted husband William Lawrence all that plantation and tracte of Lande aforesaid with all and Singular the ways waters woods thereunto belonging to use occupie and employ as he shall see fit, for and dureing the terme and time of his naturall life, provided that the Said William Lawrence shall Suffer and pmit my oldest Son Francis Wright to Sente(?) and dwell on an old plantacon belonging to the Saide Land and the enjoymt of one hundred Acres of Land adjacent to it, when hee Shall come to the age of twenty one years, and also the Saide William Lawrence doth hereby oblidge himself to bee Lawfully married unto the Saide Widdow Wright within two months after the date of these psents or otherwise this Deed to bee void and of none effect In witness whereof Wee her before mannered _____ have hereunto Set our hands and Seal this 26th Sept 1690

Signed Sealed and delivrd in the psence of Edmond Conway — Mary Wright pSig ye seale

Record Septimo die Octobris An Dom 1690

Charl_____ psig
Cl Cur"

Lancaster County, Virginia, Will Abstracts 1690-1709 stated that on June [January?] 10, 1691, at Lancaster County, Virginia, W.B. 8/13 Mary Lawson filed her inventory of the estate of Francis Wright. However, this is an incorrect reading of the signature of Mary Lawrence. As set forth above, Mary Wright, the widow of Francis Wright, married William Lawrence. This misreading led Robert K. Headly, Jr., in his book Married Well And Often at page 171 to list Mary (Hill) Wright as married second to Epaphroditus Lawson and third to George Harwood, citing the will of George Harwood, which mentions his wife's children by Epaphroditus Lawson, but this is incorrect.

On June 10, 1691, at Lancaster County, Virginia, W.B. 8/13B the inventory and appraisement of the estate of Francis Wright dated August 30, 1690, was filed:

"Inventory of the Estate of francis Wright decd apprized by we underwritten sworne by Capt William Ball the 30th Augt 1690

Fifty four ____ pewter _____	£02:14:00
One Silver dram cup	00:02:06

A pcell earthen ware	00:07:00
One pewter chamber pot	00:02:06
One old bed boulster rug and blanket	02:00:00
One chest	00:06:00
One Linnen Wheel	00:03:00
One old Short gun	00:05:00
One old Cross Cut Saw two reape hookes	00:05:00
Two old Cases and twenty bottles	00:03:06
Six milk trayes	00:05:00
A pcell of tite casqe(?)	00:16:00
A Looking glass & old Chest and two boxes	00:04:00
Five pound of brass at 14 _	00:05:10
Three Iron pots qt ____ at 3 ____	01:07:03
A pcell of Carpenter tooles	00:08:00
Foure Wedges at 22 ____ at 4 ____	00:07:04
____ of old Iron at _	00:03:01
One pastle One Iron Spit 7_ 24_ at 4 __	00:08:00
Two ____	00:07:06
One pr Small stilliards and ____	00:04:00
Two old bibles and 2 psalter	00:03:00
A Cart and hames	02:00:00
One old bed boulster and C____ing	00:10:00
One Sifter and tray	00:01:06
One Iron and three earthen potts	00:02:00
Two old tables one old Couch & Wooden C____	00:06:00
Two pailes one hilling and Weeding h_	00:06:06
One C____ bed	00:04:06
One Saddle two bridles	00:09:00
Two Glass Bottles	00:00:06
Three empty hhds of 2 _ 6 _	00:07:06
Table Linnen One meale bagg one Small bagg	00:06:00
	14:15:00

One hhd of Tobacco
Foure Steeres five yeares old
Foure Steeres two yeares old ____
Five Cows and five Calves ____
Foure heiffers three yeares old _____
Two heiffers two yeare old ____
two heifers One year old ____
One mare of about fourteen yeares old
One do of about four yeares old

Will Edmonds	John Wright	psig
Henry Boateman	Thomas Hubbard	psig

Mary Laurence psig

____
Exhibit in Cur Com Lancastr decimo die Junii Ao Dmi 1691
_____ Robert ____ francis Wright ____

Test
John Stretchley Cl Cur

Record ____ testis

____ John Stretchley"

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on January 12, 1698/99, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/59 Francis Wright was granted part of his deceased father's estate in the hands of his mother Mary Lawrence, administratrix of her deceased husband William Lawrence, and similar orders were made for Charles Wright, Mary Wright, and John Wright:

"Lancaster County Court 12th of January 1698/99

. . . .

Order is granted unto Francis Wright for his part of his deced. Father's Estate in ye hands of his Mother, Mary Lawrence, Administratrix of her deced. Husband, William Lawrence, which is ordered to be paid als Execution

Idem. To Charles Wright, Mary Wright and John Wright"

This record indicates that Mary (Hill) Wright married second William Lawrence and that William Lawrence had died before January 12, 1698/99. This record also identifies the children of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) Lawrence as follows:

1) Francis Wright,
2) Charles Wright,
3) Mary Wright, and
4) John Wright.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on March 9, 1698/99, at Lancaster County, Virginia,

Ct.O.B. 4/65 the action by Charles Wright against Mary Lawrence, as administratrix of the estate of William Lawrence, was continued:

> "Lancaster County Court 9th of March 1698/99
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> . . . .
>
> The action brought to this Court by Charles Wright against Mary Lawrence, Administratrix of William Lawrence, deced., is continued by consent of both partys"

This record indicates that Mary (Hill) (Wright) Lawrence's second husband William Lawrence had died by March 9, 1698/99.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on July 13, 1699, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/69 the action by Charles Wright against Mary Lawrence, as administratrix of the estate of William Lawrence, was dismissed:

> "Att a Court continued by Adjournment ye 13th of July 1699
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> . . . .
>
> The action brought to this Court by Charles Wright against Mary Lawrence, Administratrix of William Lawrence, deced is dismist, neither appearing"

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on September 14, 1699, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/79 John Wright petitioned the court for the appointment of his mother Mary Lawrence as his guardian:

> "Lancaster County Court 14th of September 1699
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> . . . .
>
> John Wright petitioning this Court yt Mary Lawrence his Mother may be his Guardian ye same is granted. Joseph Tayloe and George Harward, Security"

This record identifies John Wright as the son of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) Lawrence and indicates that he was born after September 14, 1678.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on June 14, 1705, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 5/126 John Wright filed his receipt for the full part of his father Francis Wright's estate received from his mother Mary Lawrence:

> "Lancaster County Court 14th of June 1705

. . . .
July ye 28th 1705

Then received of Mary Lawrence full satisfaction for ye within Order of Court as my full part of my deced Father, Francis Wright, his Estate

John Wright

Recorded ye 28th day of July 1705

Jos: Tayloe, Cl."

This record indicates that John Wright had attained age 21 and was, therefore, born before June 14, 1684.

On November 11, 1706, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/186 Mary Lawrence conveyed to Joseph Tayloe 50 acres of land, reserving a life estate for William Meredith and a testamentary power of appointment to her heirs by her late husband Francis Wright and in anticipation of her marriage to William Meredith:

"This Indenture made the Eleventh day of Novemer Ano Dom: 1706, and in the fifth yeare of or: Sovereigne Lady Anne &c. Betweene Mary Lawrence of the Coty: of Lancastr: and Pish: of St. Marys White Chappell of the one part and Joseph Tayloe of the Pish: and Coty: aforesd. of the other part; Witnesseth that the sd. Mary Lawrence for the sume of five shillings Sterling to her paid doth discharge the sd. Joseph Tayloe his heires and assignes for ever and hath granted unto him the sd. Joseph Tayloe and his assignes Fifty acres of land belonging to the Plantacon whereon the said Mary Lawrence now liveth together wth: all houses woods timber with its appurtenances unto him the sd. Joseph Tayloe and his assignes for the terme of ninety nine yeares or for and dureing the naturall life of Wm: Merridith of the Pish: and Coty: aforesd: To have and to hold the aforesd. Fifty acres of land and pr:misses wth: the appurtenances, one third part of the Orchard only excepted and reserved for the use of Francis Wright his heires or assignes for and dureing the terme of ninety nine yeares or during the naturall life of him the sd. Wm: Merridith which shall first happen, with the confidence nevertheless that the sd. Mary Lawrence shall have & enjoy the aforesaid Land and pr:misses wth: the appurtenances dureing her naturall life wth:out controules (except as before excepted) any thing in this Deed to the contrary notwithstanding, And after to revert to the heires of the body of the said Mary Lawrence begotten by her late Husband, Francis Wright, according as her Will in Writeing or Deed of Gift she the said Mary Lawrence shall see fitt to

dispose of the same; In Wittness whereof to this p:sent Indenure I have hereunto sett my hand and affixed my seale the day and yeare first above written

Sealed and deli- Mary M Lawrence
vered in p:sence of us
Jno: Rankin
Francisco Frizell

Recognitr in Cur Com Lancastr: 14th die 9bris: Ano Dom 1706 et recordr.

p Jos: Tayloe, Clk

Know All Men by these pr:sents that whereas there is by Gods grace a Marriage to be solemnized betweene the within named Wm: Merridith and the wth:in named Mary Lawrence; Therefore for the sume of five shillings Sterling to me paid I doe hereby discharge him the sd. Wm: Merridith his heires & assignes and have granted and assigned over unto the sd. Wm: Merridith dureing the terme of his naturall life all my right of the wth:in Indentures according to the meaning of the articles and exception therein contained from me my heires or Administratrs: for ever; To have and to hold to him the sd. Wm: Merridith dureing the terme aforesd. subject nevertheless to the Quitt Rents to be yearely paid to the Lord of the Fee or Fees ____"

This record indicates that Mary (Hill) (Wright) Lawrence married as her third husband William Meredith in late 1706 or early 1707.

On March 8, 1706/07, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/225 Francis Wright of Christ Church Parish conveyed to his brother Charles Wright 50 acres of land that descended from Charles Hill to his daughter Mary (Hill) Wright, the mother of Francis and Charles Wright, with John Wright and Ralph Brig as witnesses:

"This Indenture made this Eight day of March Ano Dom one thousand seven hundred and six and in the sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c. Between Francis Wright of the Prish of Christ Church & Coty of Lancastr Planter of the one part and Charles Wright the Brother of the aforesd Francis Wright of the Prish & Coty aforesd. planter of the other part Witnesseth that the sd Francis Wright as well for & in Consideracon of the Love & true respect that he hath & beareth unto his brother Charles Wright as for ye raiseing the uses herein after exprest And for divers other good Causes & Consideracons, him hereunto moveing Hath given granted alliened enfeofed & Confirmed And by these psents Doth give grant alliene enfeofe & Confirm unto the sd Charles Wright one certaine tract peice or pcell of Land conteigning fivety acres or thereabouts being part of a tract of land conteigning three hundred

acres which is part of a patten for Six hundred acres of Land belonging to Elias Edmunds Lt of this County (Decd) and by the sd. by the said Elias Edmunds (Decd) his Last Will & Testamt. in writing and duely proved given unto Walter Heard Lt of this Coty also (Decd) and by the sd. Hearde Sold & Conveyed by one authentique Deed of bargaine and sale dated the Sixth of August one thousand six hundred fivety and four unto one Jno Meredith now alsoe (Decd) & by him the sd. Jno Meridith sold and assigned over unto Jno Jones by an Assignmt. Endorsed upon the back of the sd Deed of Sale and is dated the ninth day of aprill one thousand six hundred & fivety six, and by him the sd Jones in his life time sold & conveyed by one authentique Deed of bargaine & sale whose date is the last of March one thousand six hundred fivety nine unto Charles Hill, allso (Decd), and the sd Charles Hill dying Intestate the sd. three hundred acres of Land being the first part of the sd Six hundred acres of Land above specified (with other Lands of the sd. Charles Hill) Descended & fell amongst the Daughters of the sd Charles Hill in coparcenership, one where of was Mary Hill since by marriage Mary Wright the mother of the aforesd. Francis Wright & Charles Wright which sd Mary also Dying intestate the sd. three hundred of Land descended and came ye sd. Francis Wright as heir at Law to his Mother which sd fivety acres part of the aforesd three hundred acres is Scituate in the prish & Coty aforesd. and is bounded between the Snare(?) Swamp & the line of Coll. St. Leger Codd and the line of Majr. John Pinkard and the path which comes from the snare(?) Swamp through the old field towards the Mill & all & singular the rights proffits Emolmts. Heriditmts. and appurtenances in any wise belonging to the sd fivety Acres of Land hereby granted To have & to hold the sd fivety Acres of Land hereby granted & enfeoffed with all other the Emies(?) with their & every of their appurtenances unto the sd Charles Wright his heirs Extors or adrs. for and dureing the full term of ninety & nine years Comencing from the date hereof upon this trust & Confidence nevertheless that the sd fivety acres of Land nor any part or pcell thereof shall not be by the sd Charles Wright his heirs Extors or Admirs sold or assigned over unto any other prson to the prejudice of the sd Fra: Wright his heirs & assigns dureing the sd term of ninety nine years & the sd Francis Wright for himself his heirs & assigns Doth covenant promise & agree to & with the sd Charles Wright in manner following that the sd Charles Wright and his heirs from henceforth shall & may Lawfully & peaceably stand & be seized in all & singular the premises with the appurtenances hereby granted & for the use Interest & purposes before hereby mentioned & Exprest without ye let claime Trouble or Interuption of him the sd Francis Wright his heirs Extors or other assigns or by any other person or persons Whatsoever claiming by from or under him and further the sd Francis Wright & his heirs shall & will at the request of the sd Charles Wright or his heirs or assigns make & acknowledge not only these prsents but that Anne the wife of the sd Francis Wright shall relinquish her title of Dower in the same. In witness whereof the parties above named to these prsents have Interchangeably set their hands & seals the day & yeare first above written

by: not: Extor or Admir: out Interlined before ensealing hereof

Signed sealed & delivered Francis Wright
in p:sence of us
Jos Tayloe
Ralph X Brig
Jno Wright,
Wm Chaple

March ye 9th 1706/7. Memord. That Livery & Seizen was this day given by Francis Wright & Anne his Wife unto Charles Wright of the wth:in mentioned land & pr:misses by the delivery of Turff & Twigg upon part of the sd. Land in the name of the whole in the p:sence of

Jos: Tayloe
Jno: Wright
Wm: Chaple

Recognitr: in Cur: Com Lancastr 14th die May 1707 p Fr: Wright et recordr:

p Jos Tayloe, Clk"

This record indicates that Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith had died before March 8, 1706/07.

On June 10, 1707, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/230 Francis Wright, the son of 1690 Francis Wright, sold 100 acres of land to Frances Edwards:

"This Indenture made the Tenth day of June in the sixth yeare of the Reigne of or. Sovereigne Lady Anne &c., and in the yeare of or: Lord God one thousand seven hundred & seven, Betweene Francis Wright of the County of Lancastr: of the one part and Frances Edwards of the same Coty. of the other part; Wittnesseth that the sd. Francis Wright for diverse consideracons him thereunto moveing but more especially in consideracon of one Negroe man named Kitt in hand delivered & ye sume of three thousand five hundred pounds of good sound merchantable tobbo: and caske to him in hand paid by the sd. Frances Edwards doth grant unto the sd. Frances Edwards & to her heires for ever all title claim & demand of him the sd. Francis Wright to a certaine parcell of land containing One hundred acres being in the Pish. of Christ Church in the Coty. of Lancastr: aforesd. which sd. Land is part of the moiety of Six hundred acres of land first granted to Elias Edmonds by Pattent dated the Tenth day of Octobr: one thousand six hundred & fifty two and by the sd. Edmonds given by his last Will and Testament unto Walter Heard who sole the same to John Meredith by Deed of Sale dated the 6th day of August 1654, and by the sd. Meredith assigned to John Jones by assignmt. undr: his hand and seale dated the ninth day of Aprill

1656, and by the sd. Jones sold & made over unto Charles Hill by Deed dated the last day of March 1659, all which conveyances are recorded in Court of Lancastr: aforesd. wch: ye sd. Land by the death of the said Charles Hill descended to Mary, ye Daughter and coheiress of the said Charles Hill from whom the sd. Francis Wright as heire to ye sd. Mary claimes the sd. three hundred acres of land which is bounded as by Survey appeares undr: the hand of George Heale, Surveyr:, dated ye 23d of Novembr: 1670, as followeth, Beginning at a corner white oake standing on ye W.S.W. side of a N.N.W. Branch wch: issueth out of the Eastern Branch of Corotoman River, standing by a Marsh side from thence extending W.S.W. by marked trees three hundred pole crossing the Snare Swamp to a corner Stake standing on the brow of a Hill, from thence N.N.W. unto an Old Line of marked trees three hundred and forty seven pole to an Old Corner Pohickory standing on a plain near unto a Path that leads from the Maine Road to Nicho: Georges, from thence S. sixty four degrees Easterly four hundred and sixty pole by marked trees to the white Oake where it first began; the sd. One hundred acres of land y these p:sents menconed to be sold to be bounded as followeth; Beginning at the above menconed standing at the head of the W.S.W. line of the aforesaid three hundred acres of land & from thence extending downe the sd. line to the Snare Swamp, from thence up the sd. Swamp till by a line drawn parallel to the first course cutting the N.N.W. or head line of ye sd. three hundred acres of land there shall be included the full quantity of One hundred acres of land belonging; To have and to hold the sd. land wth: all rights unto Frances Edwards and to her assignes for ever, the sd. Frances Edwards paying the Quitt rents that shall come due for the land; And the sd. Francis Wright for himselfe his heires do promise that ye sd. Frances Edwards to have and enjoy a good firme Estate wth: the appurtenances clear from any trouble by the sd. Francis Wright his heires or assignes for ever; In wittness whereof the parties to these p:sents have interchangeably sett their hands & seales to two Indentures both of the same tenor & date the day & yeare above written

Signed sealed & delivered in p:sence of us
John Wright
Nicholas Therckelson
Thomas Hooper

Frances W Wright

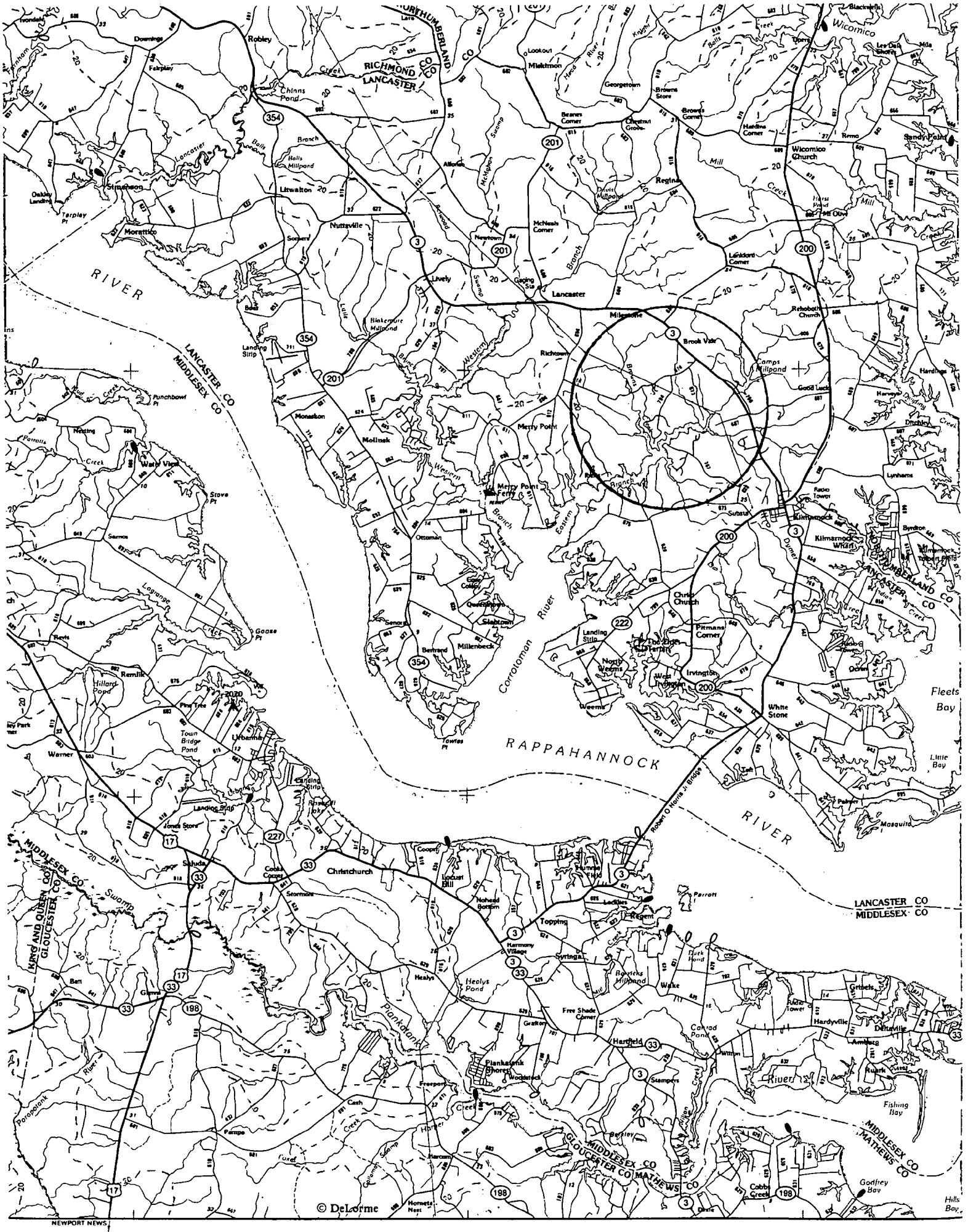
Memord. That Livery & Seizin was this day given by Francis Wright unto Frances Edwards by delivery of Turff & Twigg upon the sd. Land by Francis Wright to Frances Edwards in p:sence of us

John Wright
Thomas Hooper
Nicholas Therckelson

Recognitr in Cur Com Lancastr: uno dicimo die Janry 1707 p Francis Wright et Mario Uxoris & recordr

p Jos: Tayloe, Clk."

The legal description of this land identifies it as land formerly owned by Charles Hill and inherited from him by his daughter Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith and inherited from her by her son Francis Wright and that the land was located on the west southwest side of a north northwest branch of the Eastern Branch of Corotoman River. The general location of that land is given on the map on the following page.



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LOCATER MAP ON BACK OF ATLAS

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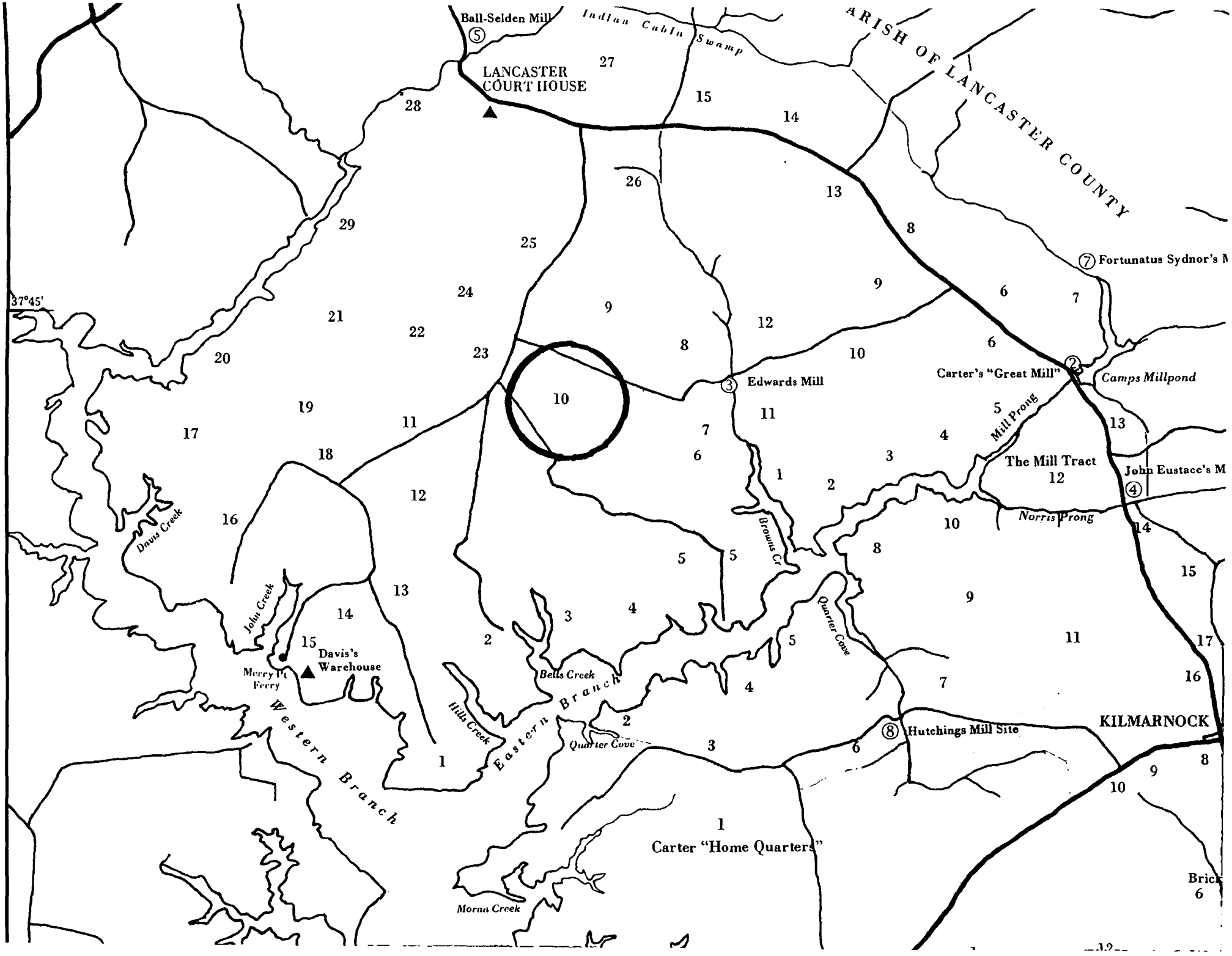
MILES 1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6

Landholders & Landholdings: Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, Virginia by Nancy T. Sorrells and the accompanying map of the location of landholdings in the Parish noted the location of the land of the Wright family as follows:

> "F-10 John Edwards 200 acres
>
> John Edwards inherited this tract of land from his father, who had purchased 70 acres of it from William Ranken in 1737. [DWB 13:26] Ranken had obtained the land from members of the Wright and Briggs families."

The map on the following page from Landholders & Landholdings: Christ Church Parish, Lancaster County, Virginia shows the location of that land:


Ball-Selden Mill
⑤
Indian Cabin Swamp
ARISH OF LANCASTER COUNTY
LANCASTER COURT HOUSE
37°45'
⑦ Fortunatus Sydnor's M
Carter's "Great Mill"
②
Camps Millpond
③ Edwards Mill
Mill Prong
The Mill Tract
John Eustace's M
④
Norris Prong
Browns Cr
Quarter Cove
Davis Creek
John Creek
Davis's Warehouse
Merry Pt Ferry
Western Branch
Hills Creek
Bells Creek
Eastern Branch
Quarter Cove
⑧ Hutchings Mill Site
KILMARNOCK
Carter "Home Quarters"
Morna Creek
Brick

A modern Google map of the location of this land places it between Devils Bottom Road, State Route 614, Merry Point Road, State Route 612, and Iberis Road, State Route 613, as shown on the following map:

To see all the details that are visible on the screen, use the "Print" link next to the map.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of Francis Wright and Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith were the following:

1) Francis Wright, born before January 12, 1677/78, probably in Lancaster County, Virginia,

2) Charles Wright, born before January 12, 1677/78, probably in Lancaster County, Virginia,

3) Mary (Wright) Briggs, born before June 10, 1686, probably in Lancaster County, Virginia, and

4) John Wright, born after September 14, 1678, and before June 14, 1684, probably in Lancaster County, Virginia.

A. Francis Wright, His Wife Anne (____) Wright, And His Descendants

Francis Wright was a son of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith. (1690 Francis[1])

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1697 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 4/32 listed one Francis Wright on November 11, 1697:

"Lancaster County Court 11th November 1697

The County of Lancaster being indebted in ye sume of twenty eight thousand eight hundred and fiveteen pounds of tobacco, have ordered yt a Levie of fourty one pounds and a halfe of tobacco be collected by Capt. William Lister, High Sheriff of this County, of and from every Tithable person in this County and to pay ye severall Creditors hereafter named [vizt]

. . . .

Samuell Wright	3
. . . .	
John Wright	1
. . . .	
John Wright	2
. . . .	
Francis Wright	1
. . . .	
Mottrom Wright	18

. . . ."

The death of his father in 1690 means that the Francis Wright of this listing was Francis Wright, the son of 1690 Francis Wright. This record also indicates that Francis Wright was born before June 10, 1681. Since 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County resided in Lancaster County, Virginia, the place of birth of his son Francis Wright was probably in Lancaster County, Virginia.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1698 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 4/39 listed one Francis Wright on November 10, 1698:

> "Lancaster County Court 10th of November 1698
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> . . . .
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> The County of Lancaster being indebted in ye sum of thirteen thousand two hundred twenty two pounds of tobacco have ordered yt a Levy of eighteen and three fourth pounds of tobacco be collected by Mr. William Ball, High Sheriffe of this County of and from every Tithable person in this County and to pay ye seveerall Creditors hereafter named and yt he enter into Bond for ye payment of ye Levie as it is due att y next Court, Imrimis
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> . . . .
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> Samuell Wright 3
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> . . . .
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> Mottrom Wright 22
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> . . . .
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> Francis Wright 1
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> . . . .
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> John Wright 1
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> . . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on January 12, 1698/99, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/59 Francis Wright was granted part of his deceased father's estate in the hands of his mother Mary Lawrence, administratrix of her deceased husband William Lawrence, and similar orders were made for Charles Wright, Mary Wright, and John Wright:

> "Lancaster County Court 12th of January 1698/99
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> . . . .
>
> Order is granted unto Francis Wright for his part of his deced. Father's Estate in ye hands of his Mother, Mary Lawrence, Administratrix of her deced. Husband, William Lawrence, which is ordered to be paid als Execution

Idem. To Charles Wright, Mary Wright and John Wright"

This record identifies Francis Wright as one of the children of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith. This record indicates that Francis Wright had attained age 21 before January 12, 1698/99, indicating a date of birth before January 12, 1677/78.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1700 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 4/127 listed one Francis Wright on January 14, 1700/01:

"Att a Court held for Lancaster County ye 14th of January 1700/1 att ye Courthouse there

Present

Capt. David Fox	Capt Alexander Swan
Lieut Colo. Joseph Ball	Capt. William Fox
Major William Lister	Mr. Thomas Martin, Justices

The County of Lancaster being indebted in ye sum of 47095 pounds of tobacco have ordered that a Levie of fifty pounds of tobacco and three fourths per poll be collected by Capt. William Ball, High Sheriffe of this County of and from every Tithable person in this County he giveing security for ye payment of ye severall sums to ye severall Creditors hereafter named, vizt.

. . . .

By Mr. Mottrom Wright for paid Mr. Samuell Fox
of this County for takeing up his Servant
Thomas Beveerton 0200

. . . .

List of Christ Church Parish

. . . .

Samuell Wright	3
. . . .	
Mottrom Wright	27
. . . .	
John Wright	1
. . . .	
Francis Wright	2
. . . .	
John Wright, Planter	1

. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1703 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 5/54 listed one Francis Wright on November 11, 1703:

"Lancaster County Court 11th of November 1703

. . . .

Levis.

The County of Lancaster being indebted in the sum of 33086 pounds of tobacco it is ordered that a Levie of thirty five pounds of tobacco per Poll be collected by Mr. John Turbervile, High Sheriffe of this County, of and from every Tithable person in this County he haveing given Bond with security to pay ye severall sums to ye severall persons hereafter named (vizt)

. . . .

Tithables in Christ Church Parish

. . . .

John Wright	1

. . . .

Charles Wright	1
John Wright	1
Francis Wright	1

. . . .

John Wright	2

. . . .

Tithables White Chappell Parrish

. . . .

Arthur Write	1

. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1704 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 5/108 listed one Francis Wright on November 8, 1704:

"Lancaster County Court 8th of November 1704

. . . .

Tithables

. . . .

Charles Wright	1
Francis Wright	1

. . . .

John Wright	1

. . . .

John Wright, Plaisterer	1

. . . .

Arthur Wright 2
. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on June 13, 1705, at Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 5/120 Francis Wright was sworn as a grand juryman:

"Lancaster County Court 13th of June 1705
. . . .
A List of Grandjurymen sworne

John Finley	Byron Phillips	Mathew Myars
Robert Mason	Samuell Steele	Samuell Bromeley
Francis Wright	John Flowers	George Chilton Junr.
Edward Tomlin		William Chilton"

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1705 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 5/138 listed one Francis Wright on December 13, 1705:

"Lancaster County Court 13th of December 1705
. . . .
Arthur Wright 2
. . . .
Francis Wright 1
Charles Wright 1
. . . .
John Wright 2
. . . ."

On March 7, 1706/7, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/213 Francis Wright caused a deed from John Meredith to John Jones dated April 9, 1656, to be rerecorded:

> "Know All Men by these p:sents that I John Merridith make over unto Mr. Jno: Jones his heires and assignes for ever all my title of this Three hundred acres of land wthin written for which ye sd. Jones hath past his Bill for to me my heires for the payment of Two thousand five hundred pounds of tobbo: & casque beareing date wth: these p:sents and I doe by these p:sents oblidge my selfe my heires that ye sd. Jones his heires or assignes to have choice of the sd. 300 acres of land within specified out of the whole Pattent of Six hundred acres, beginning att one end which liketh him best and that he his heires and assignes shall for ever hold the same wth:out disturbance of me my heires as allsoe to make

acknowledgement of this Deed this next ensueing Court held for Lancastr: County; Wittness my hand the 9th day of Apr: 1656

(On side) Allsoe the sd. Merridith hath hereunto sett his seale

Wittness
Wm: Loyd
Vincent Stanford

Recognitr in Cur Com Lancastr: p John Merridith 15th Aprillis 1656 Record 12th Janry, sequend

Edwd. Dale, Clk

This Conveyance being allmost worn out is recorded att ye instance of Francis Wright, this 7th day of March 1706/7

Jos: Tayloe, Clk"

In addition, on March 7, 1706/7, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/213 Francis Wright caused a deed from John Jones to Charles Hill dated March 31, 1659, to be rerecorded:

"Know All Men by these p:sents that I John Jones of the County of Lancastr:, Planter, for a valuable consideracon to me paid by Charles Hill of the same County, Cordwinder, have granted unto the aforesd. Charles Hill three hundred acres of land upon the Plantacon I now live on wth: all houses & buildings thereunto belonging, containing together in the whole three hundred acres of land and are lett & being in the County of Lancastr: and now in the occupacon of me ye sd. Jno: Jones or my assignes, except and allwayes reserved out of these p:sents unto Wm: Cromp and his assignes his Lease for terme of yeares of pt: of the pr:misses according to its tenor; To have and to hold the sd. 300 acres of land wth: its appurtenances (except before excepted & reserved) unto the sd. Charles Hill his heires and assignes according to the tenor & contents of the Pattent of the sd. Land & by the rents & services to be due & payable and I the sd. Jno: Jones doe for me my heires promise to warrant and defend the aforesd. land and p:misses (except before excepted) unto the sd. Charles Hill his heires and assignes for ever agt. every p:son whatsoever that shall p:tend any title thereunto and I doe likewise promise when thereunto lawfully required. In

Wittness whereof I the sd. John Jones sett my hand & seale dated ye last day of March 1659

Signed sealed & deli-
vered in ye p:sence of
Wm: Cromp
Howell Powell

John I Jones

Recordatr: 9br: 16th 86

E. Chilton, Cl Off.

Recorded att ye instance of Francis Wright this 7th day of March 1696/7

Jos: Tayloe, Clk"

On March 8, 1706/07, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/225 Francis Wright of Christ Church Parish conveyed to his brother Charles Wright 50 acres of land that descended from Charles Hill to his daughter Mary (Hill) Wright, the mother of Francis and Charles Wright, and from Mary (Hill) Wright to Francis Wright as her heir, with John Wright and Ralph Brig as witnesses:

"This Indenture made this Eight day of March Ano Dom one thousand seven hundred and six and in the sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c. Between Francis Wright of the Prish of Christ Church & Coty of Lancastr Planter of the one part and Charles Wright the Brother of the aforesd Francis Wright of the Prish & Coty aforesd. planter of the other part Witnesseth that the sd Francis Wright as well for & in Consideracon of the Love & true respect that he hath & beareth unto his brother Charles Wright as for ye raiseing the uses herein after exprest And for divers other good Causes & Consideracons, him hereunto moveing Hath given granted alliened enfeofed & Confirmed And by these psents Doth give grant alliene enfeofe & Confirm unto the sd Charles Wright one certaine tract peice or pcell of Land conteigning fivety acres or thereabouts being part of a tract of land conteigning three hundred acres which is part of a patten for Six hundred acres of Land belonging to Elias Edmunds Lt of this County (Decd) and by the sd. by the said Elias Edmunds (Decd) his Last Will & Testamt. in writing and duely proved given unto Walter Heard Lt of this Coty also (Decd) and by the sd. Hearde Sold & Conveyed by one authentique Deed of bargaine and sale dated the Sixth of August one thousand six hundred fivety and four unto one Jno Meredith now alsoe (Decd) & by him the sd. Jno Meridith sold and assigned over unto Jno Jones by an Assignmt. Endorsed upon the back of the sd Deed of Sale and is dated the ninth day of aprill one thousand six hundred & fivety six, and by him the sd Jones in

his life time sold & conveyed by one authentique Deed of bargaine & sale whose date is the last of March one thousand six hundred fivety nine unto Charles Hill, allso (Decd), and the sd Charles Hill dying Intestate the sd. three hundred acres of Land being the first part of the sd Six hundred acres of Land above specified (with other Lands of the sd. Charles Hill) Descended & fell amongst the Daughters of the sd Charles Hill in coparcenership, one where of was Mary Hill since by marriage Mary Wright the mother of the aforesd. Francis Wright & Charles Wright which sd Mary also Dying intestate the sd. three hundred of Land descended and came ye sd. Francis Wright as heir at Law to his Mother which sd fivety acres part of the aforesd three hundred acres is Scituate in the prish & Coty aforesd. and is bounded between the Snare(?) Swamp & the line of Coll. St. Leger Codd and the line of Majr. John Pinkard and the path which comes from the snare(?) Swamp through the old field towards the Mill & all & singular the rights proffits Emolmts. Heriditmts. and appurtenances in any wise belonging to the sd fivety Acres of Land hereby granted To have & to hold the sd fivety Acres of Land hereby granted & enfeoffed with all other the Emies(?) with their & every of their appurtenances unto the sd Charles Wright his heirs Extors or adrs. for and dureing the full term of ninety & nine years Comencing from the date hereof upon this trust & Confidence nevertheless that the sd fivety acres of Land nor any part or pcell thereof shall not be by the sd Charles Wright his heirs Extors or Admirs sold or assigned over unto any other prson to the prejudice of the sd Fra: Wright his heirs & assigns dureing the sd term of ninety nine years & the sd Francis Wright for himself his heirs & assigns Doth covenant promise & agree to & with the sd Charles Wright in manner following that the sd Charles Wright and his heirs from henceforth shall & may Lawfully & peaceably stand & be seized in all & singular the premises with the appurtenances hereby granted & for the use Interest & purposes before hereby mentioned & Exprest without ye let claime Trouble or Interuption of him the sd Francis Wright his heirs Extors or other assigns or by any other person or persons Whatsoever claiming by from or under him and further the sd Francis Wright & his heirs shall & will at the request of the sd Charles Wright or his heirs or assigns make & acknowledge not only these prsents but that Anne the wife of the sd Francis Wright shall relinquish her title of Dower in the same. In witness whereof the parties above named to these prsents have Interchangeably set their hands & seals the day & yeare first above written

by: not: Extor or Admir: out Interlined before ensealing hereof

Signed sealed & delivered Francis Wright
in p:sence of us
Jos Tayloe
Ralph X Brig
Jno Wright,
Wm Chaple

March ye 9th 1706/7. Memord. That Livery & Seizen was this day given by Francis Wright & Anne his Wife unto Charles Wright of the wth:in mentioned land & pr:misses by the delivery of Turff & Twigg upon part of the sd. Land in the name of the whole in the p:sence of

Jos: Tayloe
Jno: Wright
Wm: Chaple

Recognitr: in Cur: Com Lancastr 14th die May 1707 p Fr: Wright et recordr:

p Jos Tayloe, Clk"

This record indicates that Francis Wright married Anne (____) Wright before March 7, 1706/07.

On June 10, 1707, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/230 Francis Wright sold to Frances Edwards 100 acres of land:

"This Indenture made the Tenth day of June in the sixth yeare of the Reigne of or. Sovereigne Lady Anne &c., and in the yeare of or: Lord God one thousand seven hundred & seven, Betweene Francis Wright of the County of Lancastr: of the one part and Frances Edwards of the same Coty. of the other part; Wittnesseth that the sd. Francis Wright for diverse consideracons him thereunto moveing but more especially in consideracon of one Negroe man named Kitt in hand delivered & ye sume of three thousand five hundred pounds of good sound merchantable tobbo: and caske to him in hand paid by the sd. Frances Edwards doth grant unto the sd. Frances Edwards & to her heires for ever all title claim & demand of him the sd. Francis Wright to a certaine parcell of land containing One hundred acres being in the Pish. of Christ Church in the Coty. of Lancastr: aforesd. which sd. Land is part of the moiety of Six hundred acres of land first granted to Elias Edmonds by Pattent dated the Tenth day of Octobr: one thousand six hundred & fifty two and by the sd. Edmonds given by his last Will and Testament unto Walter Heard who sole the same to John Meredith by Deed of Sale dated the 6th day of August 1654, and by the sd. Meredith assigned to John Jones by assignmt. undr: his hand and seale dated the ninth day of Aprill 1656, and by the sd. Jones sold & made over unto Charles Hill by Deed dated the last day of March 1659, all which conveyances are recorded in Court of Lancastr: aforesd. wch: ye sd. Land by the death of the said Charles Hill descended to Mary, ye Daughter and coheiress of the said Charles Hill from whom the sd. Francis Wright as heire to ye sd. Mary claimes the sd. three hundred acres of land which is bounded as by Survey appeares undr: the hand of George Heale, Surveyr:, dated ye 23d of Novembr: 1670, as followeth, Beginning at a corner white oake standing on ye W.S.W. side of a N.N.W. Branch wch: issueth out of the Eastern Branch of Corotoman River, standing by

a Marsh side from thence extending W.S.W. by marked trees three hundred pole crossing the Snare Swamp to a corner Stake standing on the brow of a Hill, from thence N.N.W. unto an Old Line of marked trees three hundred and forty seven pole to an Old Corner Pohickory standing on a plain near unto a Path that leads from the Maine Road to Nicho: Georges, from thence S. sixty four degrees Easterly four hundred and sixty pole by marked trees to the white Oake where it first began; the sd. One hundred acres of land y these p:sents menconed to be sold to be bounded as followeth; Beginning at the above menconed standing at the head of the W.S.W. line of the aforesaid three hundred acres of land & from thence extending downe the sd. line to the Snare Swamp, from thence up the sd. Swamp till by a line drawn parallel to the first course cutting the N.N.W. or head line of ye sd. three hundred acres of land there shall be included the full quantity of One hundred acres of land belonging; To have and to hold the sd. land wth: all rights unto Frances Edwards and to her assignes for ever, the sd. Frances Edwards paying the Quitt rents that shall come due for the land; And the sd. Francis Wright for himselfe his heires do promise that ye sd. Frances Edwards to have and enjoy a good firme Estate wth: the appurtenances clear from any trouble by the sd. Francis Wright his heires or assignes for ever; In wittness whereof the parties to these p:sents have interchangeably sett their hands & seales to two Indentures both of the same tenor & date the day & yeare above written

Signed sealed & delivered Frances W Wright
in p:sence of us
John Wright
Nicholas Therckelson
Thomas Hooper

Memord. That Livery & Seizin was this day given by Francis Wright unto Frances Edwards by delivery of Turff & Twigg upon the sd. Land by Francis Wright to Frances Edwards in p:sence of us

John Wright
Thomas Hooper
Nicholas Therckelson

Recognitr in Cur Com Lancastr: uno dicimo die Janry 1707 p Francis Wright et Mario Uxoris & recordr

p Jos: Tayloe, Clk."

On January 11, 1713/14, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/458 and 9/459 Francis Wright and his wife Anne of Christ Church Parish conveyed to John Wright 50

acres of land by deeds of lease and release to John Wright of Christ Church, carpenter, with Charles Wright as witness:

> "This Indenture made the Eleventh day of Janry one thousahd seven hundred & thirteen Between Francis Wright of the prish of Christ Church in the County of Lancaster of the one partie and John Wright of the sd prish & County of the other part Wittnesseth That the sd Francis Wright for and in Consideration of five shilg of Lawful money of England to me in hand paid by the sd John Wright whereof I doe hereby acknowledge the receipt Hath Bargained and Sold and doe by these presents bargaine & sell unto the sd Jno Wright his heires Exers Admrs or assignes all that pcell or peice of Land beginning at a Corner White Oake standing on ye marsh belonging to fishing Creeke from thence up a long Mr John Pinkards line to a Cedar stake drove into the ground thence by a line of Cedar stakes and marked trees to one Frances Edwards line from thence Down the sd Edwards line til(?) it come to the head line of Mr: Elias Edmonds from thence along the sd head line of the sd Edmonds to ye Corner White Oake Wherein first began the sd peice of Land Containing fifty acres more or less scituate in ye prish of Xt Church & County of Lancaster and al the Lower End of a devident of Land where the sd Francis Wright now lives bounded as above with all houses & out houses Edifices gardens Orchards fences woods wayes waters & water Courses priviledges & Comodities wsoever to the sd pcele or peice of Land and all & Singular the premisses afresd and to Every part & pcele thereof or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainder & remainders Rents issues & profits Rents issues & profitts & all & Singular the Estate right & title Benefit property Claims & demand whatsoever of him the sd Francis Wright of in & to ye sd Land or any part or pcele thereof To have and To hold the pmisses aforsd and Every part and prcell ther of hereby granted bargained & sold unto the sd John Wright from ye day of the date hereof for & dureing and untill the full End and tenure of one whole yeare next Ensuing and fully to be compleated and Ended yeilding and paying therfore the rent of one Ear of Indian Corne on the feast day of the Birth of our Lord next Ensuing if Lawfully demanded to the sd Intent & purpose that by Virtue of these presents of the Statute for transferring uses into possession the sd John Wright may be in the actual possession of the premisses and be therefore Enabled to accept a deed of grant of the Reversion and Inheritance thereof In wittness Whereof the pties above named hath Interchangeably set their hands & affixed their seales the day & year first above written.
>
> Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
> Charles Wright P Sig
> Peter Kilegore P Sig:
> Wm Chapple P sig
>
> Francis Wright Sig
> Anne Wright Sig

Recognzd in Cur Court Lancastr 14th dei Jany ano dom 1714 p Fr: Wright Is Record

Jos Tayloe CL"

"This Indenture made the twelfth day of Jany one thousand seven hundred and thirteen Between Francis Wright and Anne his wife of the prsh of Xt Church in the County of Lancaster of the one partie and John Wright of the sd prsh & county of the other partie Wittnesseth that the sd Francis Wright and Anne his Wife for and in consideracon of three thousand pounds of merchantable tobacco to him in hand paid att ye Ensealing & delivery of these presents by the sd John Wright the receipt whereof the sd Francis Wright doth hereby acknowledge therewith satisfied by these presents hath Granted bargained sold remised released & Confirmed and by these presents Doth fully & absolutely Grant Bargain sell remise release & confirme unto the sd John Wright in his Actual possession now being by virtue of a bargaine & sale to him thereof made for one whole yeare by Indenture bearing date the day before the date of these presents of and by force of a Statute for transferring Uses into possession and to his heires & assignes for Ever all that prcell or peice of Land containing about fifty acres more or Less Begining att a Corner White oak Stand on the Marsh belonging to fishing Creeke from thence up a long Mr. John Pinkards line to a Cedar Stake drove into ye ground thence by a line of Cedar stakes & marked trees to Mr. Francis Edwards line from thence down the sd Edwards line till is come to the head line of Mr Elias Edwards from thence along the sd head line of the sd Edwards to the place wherein first began the sd fifety acres of Land scituate lying & being in the prsh of Christ Church in the County of Lancastr and now in the tenure & occupacon of the sd John Wright bounded as above the sd peice of land being part of a divident of land formerly belonging to my father Francis Wright decd wch came to mee by right Inheritance from him my sd father with all & singular its rights members & appurtenances together with all houses Edifices buildings orchards Gardens woods & underwoods wayes waters & water courses advantages profits Emolumts Heriditamts & appurtenances whatsoever to the sd pcell or peice of Land & pmisses or to any part or pcell thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainder & remainders rents Issues & profitts of all and singular the before mentioned pmisses and Every part & pcell thereof and allsoe all the right title and Interest ____ property claim and demand whatsoever of him the sd Francis Wright & Anne his wife To have and to hold the sd pcell or peice of Land and all & Singular the pmisses hereby granted bargained sold remissed released & Confirmed as mentioned to be hereby granted bargained & sold & Every part & pcell thereof with their and Every of their appurtenances unto the sd John Wright his heirs Extrs admtrs or assigns for Ever more to be holden of the Cheife Land or Lands of the fee or feif of the pmisses by the Duty & services for the sum due & of right accustomed to be paid and the sd Francis Wright for himselfe his heirs Exrs & Admitrs and for Every of them doe Covenant promise and agree to and

with the sd John Wright his heires Exctrs admtrs and assignes and to and with Every & Either of them by these presents In manner & form following (vizt) That ye sd Francis Wright att the time of the Ensealing & delivery of these presents (for and notwithstanding any act or acts thing or things done to ye Contrary by him) hath in himselfe good right full power lawful & absolute authority to grant bargain Sell remise release & Confirm the sd pcell or peice of and all and singular the pmisses aforesd & Every part & pcell thereof with the appurtenances unto the sd John Wright his heirs Excts Admtrs or assignes and that the sd pcell or peice of Land & pmisses aforesd & Every part & pcell thereof with ye appurtenances now are & be and doe from time to time and att all times hereafter shall remaine Continue and be use(?) to the sd John Wright his heirs Extrs admrs or assignes free & cleer & freely & cleerly acquitted Exonerated and discharged as other wayes sufficiently saved harmless & kept Indempnified the sd Jno Wright his heires Extrs or assignes of and from all other former gifts bargaines grants sales leases joyntures Dowers & titles of Dower statutes Recognizances Judgmts forfeitures & Execucons and of and from all other titles trouble Charges & Incumbrances whatsoever had made comitted done or suffered to be done by him the sd Francis Wright his heires Extrs or any other prson or prsons whatsoever lawfully claimeing or to claime by from or under him or them by their or Either of their Estate or Estates and the sd Francis Wright his heires Extrs & Admrts shall & will warrant the sd pcell or peice of Land & pmisses aforesd and Every part & pcell thereof hereby granted bargained & sold remised released & confirmed unto the sd John Wright his heires Extrs or agt all person or psons whatsoever shall & will at all time & times hereafter warrant & defend by these presents and that the sd Francis Wright his heirs Extrs & admtrs shall & will from time to time and att all times hereafter upon any the reasonable request of the sd Jno Wright his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes within the space of ten yeares next Comeing make doe or suffer to be done all and Every such act & acts thing or things device or devices Conveyance or assurance for ye further strengthening more sure & pfect makeing & Conveying of the sd hereby granted pmisses unto the sd Jno Wright his heires Excts admtrs or assignes as his or their Council Learned in ye Law shall devise advise or require the same be done att ye Costs & charges of the sd John Wright his heires Excrs &c In Witness whereof the above mentioned parties hereunto hath Interchangeably sett their hands & afixed their seales the day & year first above Written

Signed sealed & deli-	Sig
vered in presence of	Francis Wright
Charles Wright Sig:	Sig
Peter Kilgore Sig:	Anne Wright
Wm Chapple Sig:	

Recognized in Cur. Cort Lancaster 12t die Janry ano Dom 1713 p Fr: Wright et Recordr

p Jos Tayloe CL

memrd att ye sd Court Ann Wright refused to relinquish her dower

Test
Jos Tayloe Copied"

Interestingly, Anne (____) Wright refused to relinquish her dower interest in the land.

On December 15, 1713, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/477 Francis Wright and his wife Anne of Christ Church Parish conveyed to Ralph Briggs 50 acres of land that formerly belonged to his father Francis Wright, with John Wright as witness:

"This Indenture made the fiveteenth day of December one thousand Seven hundred thirteen Between francis Wright & Anne his wife of the pish of Xt Church in the County of Lancaster of the one partie and Ralph Brigg of the sd pish & County of the other partie Wittnesseth that the sd francis Wright and Anne his wife fo rand in Consideracon of threee thousand pounds of merchantable tobacco to him in hand paid aat the Ensealeing & delivery of these presents by the sd Ralph Briggs the receipt wherof the sd Francis Wright doth hereby acnowledge herewith satisfied by these psents Hath granted bargained sold remised released & confirmed And by these presents doth fully & absolutely grant bargain sell remise release & Confirme unto the sd Ralph Briggs (in his actual possession now being by virtue of a bargaine & sale to him thereof made for one whole yeare by Indenture beareing date the day before these presents of and by force of a Stature for transferring uses into possession) to his heires and assignes for Ever a lot tract pcell of Land containing about fifety acres more or Less Begining att a Corner red Oake binding on the Land of Mr Jno Tayloe thence down Mr Jno Pinkards Line to a Cedar stake drove in to the ground from thence right across the devident of Land by a line of Cedar stakes haveing one one marked ____ in or near to the former stakes and soe to the line of Frances Edward from thence upwards binding up on the line of frances Edwards till it come to my head line thence along my head line binding upon Mr John Tayloe till it come to the Corner red Oake wherein firste began the sd fifety acres of Land (more or less) Scituate lyeing & being in the pish of Christ Church in the County of Lancaster and now in the tenure & occupacon of of the sd Ralph Briggs bounded as above the sd pcell of Land being part of a devident of Land formerly belonging to my father francis Wright decd with all & singular the rights members & appurtenances ec together with all houses Edifices buildings orchards gardens woods & under woods wayes waters & water courses advantages profits Emolutmnts Heriditamnts & appurtenances whatsoever with sd pcell or peice of Land & pmisses or to any part or pcell thereof belonging or in any ways

appertaining and the reversion & reversions remainder & remaindrs rents isssues & profitts of all & singular the before mentioned pmisses & Every part & pcell thereof and allsoe all the right title & Interest possession propertie Claimes & demand whatsoever of him the sd francis Wright & Ann his wife To have and to hold the sd pcell or peice of Land and all and singular the pmisses hereby granted bargained & Sold remised released & confirmed or mentioned is be hereby granted bargained & sold & Every part & pcell thereof with their & Every of their appurtenances unto the sd Ralph Briggs his heirsExtrs & admtrs or assignes for Ever more to be holden of the Cheife ____ fee or fees of the prmisses by Rents & services for the same due and of right accustomed to be paid and the sd frances Wright for himselfe his heires Extrs & Admtrs & Every of them doe Covenant promise (?) & agree to and with the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Exctrs admtrs & assignes and to and with Every & Either ofthem by these psents In manner & forme following (vizt) That the sd fr: Wright at ____ time of the Ensealeing & delivery of these prsents ____ and notwithstanding any act or acts thing or things done & ____ Contrary by him) Hath in him ____ good right full power Lawful & absolute to grant bargain & sell remise release & confirme the sd pcell or peice of Land and all and Singular the pmisses aforesd and Every part & pcell thereof & the appurtenances unto the sd Ralph Briggs his Extrs admtrs & assignes and that the sd pcell or peices of Land & pmisses aforesd and Every part & pcell thereof now are and be and soe from time to time & att all times hereafter shall remain Continue & be unto the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs admntrs or assignes free & Clear & freely & Clearly acquitted Exonnerrated and discharged or otherwise sufficiently saved harmless & kept Indemnified the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs or assignes of and from all other former gifts bargains grants sales Leases Joyntures Dowers & ____ of Dower Statutes recognizances Judgmnts forfeitures and Exectuons and of and from all other ____ troubles Charges Incumbrances Whatsoever had made Comitted done or Suffered to be done by him ye sd Francis Wright his heires Exctrs or any other pson or psons whatsoever Lawfully claiming or to Claime by from or under him or them by their or Either of their estate or estates and the sd Fr: Wright his heires Extrs & admtrs shall & will warrant the sd pcell or peice of Land & pmisses aforesd and Every part & pcell thereof hereby granted bargained sold remised released & confirmed unto the sd Ralph Briggs & his heires Extrs &c against all pson or psons whosoever shall & will att all time & times hereafter warrant and defend by these presents And then the sd Fr: Wright his heires Extrs & admtrs shal & will from time to time and at all times hereafter upon any the reasonable request of the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs admntrs or assignes (within the space of Tenn yeares next comeing) make doe or suffer to be done al and Every such act or acts thing or things devise or devises conveyance & assurance for the further strengthening more sure & pfect makeing & Conveying of the sd hereby granted prmisses unto the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes o his or their Counceile Learned in the Law shall desire advise or require soe that the same be done att the charges of the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs &c In Wittness whereof the above mentioned parties hereunto hath

Interchangable set their hands & affixed their seales the day & yeare first above written

Signed sealed & delivered
psence of
Waller Heard
Jno Wright
Deamarton Pasquel

francise Wright p sig:
Ralph Brigs p sig:

Recongnesed Cur Com Lancastr quarto dieimo die Janry anno Dom 1713 p fr: Wright Et Ann ____ Exc Er Crst: Wright Ex Recordr

p Jos Tayloe CL"

On January 8, 1713/14, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/461 Francis Wright acted as a witness to the deed of purchase of 50 acres of land by John Wright from Peter and Elizabeth Kilgore.

On January 14, 1713/14, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 6/38A Francis Wright, his wife Anne, and Charles Wright acknowledged their deed to Ralph Briggs:

"Att this Court Fr Wright & Anne his Wife acknowledged their deed to Ralph Briggs & alsoe Charles Wright acknowledged his right of the same which upon the motion of the sd Briggs is ordered to be Recorded"

On January 14, 1713/14, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 6/38B Francis Wright acknowledged his deed to John Wright, but Francis Wright's wife Anne Wright refused to relinquish her dower interest:

"Att this Court Fr Wright acknowledged a Deed of Lease & Release of Land to Jno Wright wch at ye pray of said John is Ordered to be Recorded. Anne Wright the wife of ye sd Fr ___ Wright refused to Relinquish her Dower."

On February 3, 1715/16, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/54 Francis and Anne Wright sold to Ralph Briggs 70 acres of land on which they then resided:

"This Indenture made the third day of febry in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & fifeteen Between Francis Wright & Anne his wife of the pish of Xt Church and County of Lancaster of the one part and Ralph Briggs of ye pish & County aforesd of the other part Wittnesseth That ye sd Francis Wright for divers good Causes & Consideracons him thereunto moveing but more Especially for and in Consideracon of the Sum of two thousand pds of tobacco in hand deliverd & Cask paid by the sd Ralph Briggs att and before the Ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt hereof and himselfe therewith

satisfied contented & paid he doth hereby acknowledge Hath granted bargained & sold aliened transferred Enffeofed & Confirmed and by these psents for himselfe his heires & assigns Doth grant bargaine Sell alien transfer and Enffeofe & Confirme unto the aforesd Ralph Briggs and his heirs for Ever all the Right title Interest possession claim & demand of him ye sd Francis Wright of in or to a certaine tract or pcele of Land wheron ye sd Francis Wright now lives Scituate lying and being in ye pish of Xt Church in ye County of Lancaster in Virginia and bounded as followeth (Vizt) lying & being on ye west side of the Eastern branch of Carrotoin beginning at a Cedar stake Standing in ye Snare Swamp in the line of Frances Edwards thence running up the sd line to a Corner Cedar Statke from thence through ye devidend by a line of marked trees to ye Land of Mr John Pinkard thence down the sd Pinkards line to ye Land of John Wright to a Cedar stake standing in the sd line from thence running alonge the sd Wrights line to ye Cedar stake where it first began being by Estimacon Seventy acres more or less the sd pcele of Land being part of a devident formerly belonging to my father Francis Wright decd Together with all & Singular the houseing Out houseing fenceing passages wayes waters water courses with all woods underwoods & Timber Timber trees to ye bargained & Sold pmisses with their & Every of their appurtenances belonging or in any wise appertaining To have and to hold the above bargained & sold land & pmisses with their and Every of their appurtenances unto the sd Ralph Brigg's his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes for Ever he or they Yeilding or paying Quit Rents from henceforth growing due as ye Rent gatherers And the sd Francis Wright doth for himselfe his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes shall & will warrant the above pmisses & Confirme it to the abovesd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes for Ever and the same from time to time the sd Francis Wright his heires Extrs admtrs and assignes shall and will warrant & defend the same from any manner of pson or psons That shall lay claime thereto by from or under him them or any of them And farther ye sd Francis Wright doth for himselfe his heires Extrs admtrs Covenant and agree with the sd Ralph Briggs his heires & assignes That at Some Court within Six months after the date of these presents he ye sd Francis Wright with Anne his wife shall Either in pson or by her Attorney Acknowledge these presents before his Majts Justices in open Court And shall & will at ye reasonable request of ye sd Ralph Brigg's his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes or any of them at any time hereafter shall Execute any Such other act or acts thing or things for ye more sure Conveying and the further Confirming the abovesd pmisseswether it be deed or any other Instrumt of writeing as shall be thought Convenient as he the sd Ralph Brigg's or his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes with the advice of their Councill well learned in ye Law shall advise him or them unto Provided the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes pay ye cost hereof In wittness whereof both parties have Interchangably sett

their hands & fixed their Seales the day & yeare first above written. The words (& Anne his wife) Interlined before assigned

Signed Seled and deliverd
in psence of
John Wright
Wm Edwards
Wm Merrideth psig.

Francis Wright psig
Anne Wright psig

Recognitr in Cur Com Lancaster 11 die Apr Ano Dom 1716 p Fran Wright Et Anni Suis Uxor Et Recordt

p Jos Tayloe CL

Memd: That this day Livery & Seizin of ye Land & pmisses in this Deed of bargaine & sale was Given by Francis Wright to Ralph Briggs by Delivery of Turf & twigg on part of the pmisses in ye name & token of Seisin of all & singular ye Land & Tenemts Comprised in the Deed in psence of us subscribers hereunto John Wright Wm Edwards Wm Merrideth psig

Ad Carpdied The sd Francis Wright Confest the Livery and Seizin Endorsed on this deed

Teste Jos Tayloe CL

Know all men by these presents That I Francis Wright of ye pish of Xt Church & County of Lancaster am holden & stand firmly bound and Indebted to Ralph Briggs of the pish and County aforesd his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes in the sum of twelve thousand pounds of good legall tobacco ____ to which paymt well & truely to be made and done I bind my selfe my heires Extrs admtrs & assignes & Every of us firmly by these psents Sealed with my Seale and dated this 6th day of feby 1715

The Condicon of this Obigacon is such That wharas the above bounden Francis Wright hath sold unto the above named Ralph Briggs a certain peice or pcell of Land lying in Lancaster County as by his Deed for the same beareing date the third day of febry 1715 will appeare now if the sd Francis Wright his heires Extrs or admtrs now and at all times for ever hereafter shall well and truely for his & their parts Observe pforme fullfill accompish & keep all and singular ye Articles clauses agreemts and promises on his & their parts to be observed pformed fulfilled accomplished and kept mentioned & Comprised in the sd deed That then

this Obigacon is to be void & of none Effect or Else to be and remaine in full power strength & virtue

Signed Sealed and deliverd in psence of us
Jno Wright
Wm Edwards
Wm Merrideth psig

Francis Wright psig

Recognitr Cur Com Lancastr: 11 die Apr Ano Dom 1716 p Fran: Wright Et Recordt

p Jos Tayloe CL"

On February 3, 1715/16, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/56 Francis Wright purchased 50 acres of land from Ralph and Mary Briggs:

"This Indenture made this third day of Febry in the yeare of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifeteen Between Ralph Briggs of ye pish of Xt Church and Church and County of Lancaster of the one part and Francis Wright of the pish & County abovesd of the other part Wittnesseth That ye sd Ralph Briggs for divers good causes and Consideracons him thereunto moveing But more Especially for and in Consideracon of Two thousand pounds of tobacco in hand deliverd & Cask paid by the sd Francis Wright at & before the Ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt hereof and himselfe therwth satisfied contented & paid he doth hereby acknowledge Hath granted bargained & sold aliened transferred Enffeofed & Confirmed And by these presents for himselfe his heires & assignes Doth grant bargaine Sell alien transfer and Enffeofe & Confirme unto the aforesd Francis Wright and to his heires for Ever all the right title Interest possession Claim & demand of him the sd Ralph Briggs of in or to a certaine tract or pcele of Land wheron the sd Ralph Briggs now lives Scituate lying and being in ye pish of Xt Church in ye County of Lancaster in Virginia and bounded as followeth (Vizt) lying & being on ye west side of ye Eastern branch of Carrotomon Begining at a Corner Red oake binding on the Land of Mr. John Tayloe thence down Mr. John Pinkards line to a Cedar Stake drove in to ye ground from thence Right a cross the devident of Land by a line of Cedar Stakes haveing one marked Hiccory in it near to ye former Stake and Soe to the line of Francis Edwards till it come to my head line thence along my hand line binding upon Mr. John Tayloe till it comes to ye Corner Red Oake where it first began being by Estimacon fifty acres more or less the sd pcele of Land being part of a devident of Land formerly belonging to Francis Wright decd Together with all & Singular the houseing out housing fenceing passages way's waters water courses with all woods underwoods & Timber Timber trees to the bargained & Sold premises with all their & Every of their appurtenances belonging or in any wise appertaining To have and to hold the above bargained and Land & pmises

with their & Every of their appurtenances unto the sd Francis Wright his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes for Ever Hee or they Yeilding or paying Quitt Rents from Henceforth growing due to the Rent gatherers And the sd Ralph Briggs doth for himselfe his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes doth warrant the above pmises & Confirme it to ye abovesd Francis Wright his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes for Ever and the Same from time to time the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs admtrs and assignes Shall & will warrant and defend the same from any manner of pson or psons that shall lay claime thereto by from or under him them or any of them and further ye sd Ralph Briggs doth for himselfe his heires Extrs admtrs & assignes that at some time that at Some Court within Six months after the date of these presents he the sd Ralph Briggs with Mary his wife shall Either in pson or by her Lawfull Attorney acknowledge these presents before his Majts Justices in open Court And shall and will at ye reasonable Request Francis Wright or his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes or any of them at any time hereafter shall Execute any Such other act or acts thing or things for ye more sure Conveying further confirming the abovesd pmises wether it be deed or any other Instrumt: of righting which be thought Convenient as he the sd Francis Wright or his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes with the advice of their Counsill well learned in ye Law shall advise him or them unto Provided the sd Francis Wright his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes pay ye cost thereof In wittness whereof both parties have Interchangeably sett their hands & fixed their Seales the day & yeare first above written. The words (& Mary his wife) in ye second line Interlined before assigned

Signed Seled and deliverd in psence of
Jno Wright
Wm Edwards
Wm Merrideth psig.

Ralph Briggs psig
Mary Briggs psig

Recognitr in Cur Com Lancastr: 11 die Apr Ano Dom 1716 p Ralph Briggs Et Mari suis Uxor Et Recordt

p Jos Tayloe CL

Memd: That this day Livery & Seizin of the lands & pmisses in this deed of Bargaine & sale was given by Ralph Briggs to Francis Wright by delivery of turfe and twigg on part of the pmisses in the name & token of Seisin of all & singular the Lands & Tenemts Comprised in this deed in psence of us the subscribers hereunto

Jno Wright
Wm Edwards
Wm Merrideth psig

Ralph Briggs

Ad Cur pdict

The sd Ralph Briggs Confest the Livery and Seizin Endorsed on this deed

Teste
Jos Tayloe CL"

On April 11, 1716, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 6/134B Francis Wright acknowledged his deed to Ralph Briggs and Francis Wright's wife Ann Wright relinquished her right of dower:

> "Att this Court Francis Wright acknowledged his deed of bargain & sale by bond as Ralph Briggs and Ann his wife relinquished her Dower therein & confessed to Livery of seizin thereof"

The Lancaster County, Virginia, site at www.rootsweb.com/~valancas/1716tiths.html listed the November 14, 1716, Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, which included the following listings in Saint Maryes White Chappell Parish as taken from Willam and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, Vol. 21, No. 2, October 1912, page 106:

"Jno Wright	1
. . . .	
Frank Wright	1"

The Frank Wright of this record would be Francis Wright, the son of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County.

On December 10, 1718, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/110 Francis Wright and his wife Anne of Christ Church Parish, Charles Wright, and Ralph Briggs sold to William Ranken 70 acres of land, part of the land inherited by Francis Wright from his mother Mary (Hill) Wright and sold to Charles Wright and by Charles Wright sold to Ralph Briggs, with John Wright and William Meredith as witness:

> "This indenture made the tenth day of December Anno Dni 1718 Between Francis Wright of the parish of Christ Church in the County of Lancaster and Anne his wife Charles Wright of the same planter and Ralph Briggs of the same County planter of the one part and William Ranken of the parish and County aforesaid Tayler of the oyr part Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs for and in Consideration of the sum of four thousand five hundred pound of good merchantable tobacco in casque in hand payed unto the said Francis at and before the ensealing and delivery hereof the receipt

whereof is hereby acknowledged and for oyr good causes and Cons them the sd Francis Charles and Ralph hereunto moveing Have and each of them hath granted bargained Sold aliened enfeofed released and confirmed and by these presents do and each of them doth grant bargain sell alien enfeofe & confirm unto the said William Ranken his heirs Exers Admrs and asignes forever all that one certain tract or parcell of Land and Containing by Estimation Seventy acres be it more or less being part of a tract of Land Containing three hundred acres which is part of a parcel of Six hundred acres of Land belonging to Elias Edmonds of this County decd and by the said Elias Edmonds by his last Will and testament in writing and Duly proved given unto Walter Heard late of this county all soe decd and by the sd Heard Sold and conveyed by one authentique deed of bargain and sale dated the sixth day of August one thousand six hundred and fifty four unto one John Meredith allso decd and by him the said Meredith sold and assigned unto John Jones by one assignment Endorsed and bearing date the ninth of Aprill one thousand six hundred fifty six and by him the said Jones in his lifetime by deed dated the last of March one thousand six hundred and fifty nine sold and Conveyed unto Charles Hill allso Decd and the said Charles dying intestate the said three hundred acres of Land being the first part of the sd six hundred acres of Land above Specified with oyr Land of the said Hill descended and fell amongst the Daughters of the said Hill in Coparcenership and whereof was Mary Hill by name since by marriage Mary Wright and mother of the sd Francis Wright and Charles Wright which said Mary allso dying intestate the sd three hundred acres of Land Descended unto and became vested in the sd Francis as the heir at law And fifty acres of the above granted seventy and part of the above mentioned three hundred acres was afterward sold and Conveyed unto the sd Charles by the sd Francis by deed dated the eighth day of March Anno Dom: 1706 and by Endorsement on the back of the sd deed (not acknowledged) assigned by the sd Charles unto the sd Ralph Briggs his heirs Exers admrs and asignes all which Land fifty acres so granted and Assigned as aforesaid and the Said twenty acres granted as aforesaid part of the aforesaid three hundred acres are Scituate in the parish and County of Lancaster aforesaid and are bounded as followeth (To witt) The Said fifty acres part of the hereby granted Seventy acres between the Snare Swamp and the Line of Coll St Leger Codd and the line of Mr Jno pinkard and the pcl(?) which comes from the sd Snare Swamp throgh the old field Towards the Mill and the sd twenty acres ye part of the sd Seventy acres hereby or Intended to be granted lying adjoining unto the now Corn field of the sd Charles Wright in the parish and County aforesaid as by the now marked trees is sett out and all houses out houses orchards gardens wayes paths waters water courses Timber timber trees rights and profitts Emoluments hereditaments and interests in any wayes belonging unto the sd Seventy acres of Land hereby granted or intended to be granted To have and to hold all and Singular the hereby granted Seventy acres of Land and premises with their and every of their rights members and appurts unto the sd William Ranken his heirs and assignes for ever and the sd francis wright Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs do and each of them doth Covenant promise and grant

to and with the sd Wm Rawken his heirs Exers and Admrs In manner and form following that is to say that they the sd francis Wright Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs now have or some or one of them now hath in him or themselves good right full power And lawful authority to Grant and Convey All and Singular the above said Seventy acres with the appurts unto the sd Wm Ranken his heires &c: In manner and form aforesaid and that free and clear from all Encumbrances whatsoever and allso that the sd francis Charles and Ralph nor any of them Jointly nor Severally have not at any time nor times heretofore had made or done or Committed or caused or procured to be had made done or committed any act matter or thing whatsoever by reason means or occasion whereof the Estate or Interest hereby granted or intended to be granted can shall or in any wayes may be charged prejudiced or encumbered in ____ charge Estate or otherwise And further the sd Francis Charles and Ralph do Jointly and Severally and for their Joint and severall heirs Exers and Adminrs Covenant promise and agree to and with the sd William Ranken his heirs and Assignes shalle the said William Ranken his heirs Exers Admrs and Assignes from the day of the date hereof Shall peaceably and quietly have hold use occupy possess and enjoy all and Singular the hereby granted premises with the appurts forever without any the lawful lett Suite trouble ____ Ejectione Disturbance or denyall of them the sd Francis Charles and Ralph or any or either of them their any or either of their heirs Exers or admrs or any other person or persons claiming or to claim by from or and under them any or either of them And the sd francis for himself his heirs Exers and Admrs and every of them doth Covenant promise and agree to and with the sd Wm Ranken his and Assignes that he the sd francis Wright his heirs Exers and Administrators at all times hereafter at the request and at his own charge in the law of the sd Wm Ranken his heirs Exers Admrs or Attorney Shall and will do make acknowledge & hereby Suffer and Execute all and every Such further and other reasonable and ____ act and thing and things Devises and ____ in the law whatsoever for the better and more pfect and Sure makeing of the sd hereby granted premises unto the said William Ranken his heirs and Assignes as by him the sd Ranken his heirs or Assignes his or their Counsell learned in the Law Shall be reasonably desired Advised or required And allsoe that he the sd francis wright his heirs Exers and Admrs and every of them all and Singular the hereby granted Seventy acres of Land and premises with the appurtenances unto him the said William Ranken his heirs Executors administrators foreveer Shall and will warrend And Defend against all persons claiming or to claim whatsoever In witness whereof the partys above said to these psents their hands and Sealls Interchangeably have Sett ____ the day and year abovesd

Seale	Seale
Sigd:	Signd:
Ralph X Briggs	Charles C Wright
Seale	Seale

Sigd: Sigd:
Anne X Wright fr W Wright

____ wthin memd of ye within namd Wm Ranken ye sume of four thous: ____ being ye full consideratns within mentioned ____

his Francis W Wright
William X Meredith
mark

Sealed & delivered in ye psence of us John Wright William X Meredith

Memorandum yt ye day & yeare wtin mentioned livery & sersin by ____ mentioned francis wright & Anne his wife Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs was given of the wtin mentioned Lands and premises unto ye within named William Ranken by the Delivery of turf & twigg upon part of said land in ye name of the whole in the presence of John Wright

Sigd
William X Meredith

Lancaster SS

Att a Court held for Lancaster County the 11th day of Febry Anno Dom 1718 This deed wt ye Livery & Seizin ____ Edward was acknowledged by Thomas Cunlar atto of Ralph Briggs Charles Wright Anne Wright & francis Wright unto Wm Ranken & at ye motion of ye sd Ranken is ordered recorded & is recorded this 21t day of Aprill following

p Wm Dare Clk Cort

Know all men by these presents that I Francis Wright of the of the parish of Christ, Church in the County of Lancaster planter doe stand and am firmly bound unto Wm Ranken of the same parish Taylor in the sume of one hundred pounds Sterling of Good and lawfull money of Great Brittain to be payed to the Said Will: Ranken or his true and ____ Attorney Exer Admrs or assignes to the which payment well and truly to be made & do bind my self my heirs Exers and Admrs firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seale dated this tenth day of December Anno Dom 1718

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound bounden francis Wright his heirs Exers and Admitrs and Assignes and every of them do and shall at all times hereafter and from time to time well and truely observe perform fullfill pay do and keep all and every the Covents grants articles termes(?) provisoes payments & covenants which on his or their parts or behalf

are and ought to be observed performed and fulfilled payed done and kept Specified and comprised in one Certain Indentr of feoffmt bearing under date with these presents made beh_ the above bounded francis Wright and Anne his wife Charles wright and Ralph Briggs both of Lancaster aforesaid planters of the one part and the above named William Ranken of the oytr(?) part and yt in att to the trust interest and invoking(?) of the sd Indenture Then this Obligation be void

Sealed and delivered in the psence of us John Wright
Sigd: William X Meridith

Sigd: Francis W Wright

Lancaster _ Att a Court held for Lancaster County the 11t day of febry Anno Dom 1718 This bond was Acknowledged by Francis Wright unto Wm Ranken and at ye motion of ye sd Ranken is ordered to be Recorded & is recorded this 21t day of Aprill following

p Wm Dare Clk Cort"

On December 17, 1719, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/152 Francis Wright, his wife Anne Wright, and John Wright sold to Henry Boatman, Jr., fifty acres of land:

"This Indenture made this 17th day of December one thousand Seven hundred and nineteen Between francis Wright and Anne his wife and John Wright all of the parish of Christ Church in the County of Lancaster of the one part and Henry Boatman Junr of the same place of the other part witnesseth That the sd francis Wright and Anne his wife and John Wright for and in Consideration of the Sume of Six thousand five hundred pounds of tobacco and Casque to them in hand paid at the Ensealing and delivery of these presents by the sd Henry Boatman Junr the receipt whereof the sd francis Wright and his wife and John Wright do hereby acknowledge therewith Satisfied by these presents have granted Bargained sold remised released and Confirmed and by these prsts do fully and absolutely grant bargain sell remise release and Confirm unto the sd Henry Boatman Junr his heirs and assigns forever all that parcell or piece of Land Containing about fifty acres be the same more or less Situate in the parish and County aforsd beginning at a Corner white oak standing on the mash(?) belonging to fishing Creek from thence up allong Mr. John pinkards line to a Cedar stake drove into the ground thence by a line of Cedar stakes and marked trees to Mrs.(?) frances Edwards line from thence down the sd Edwards line till it come to the head line of Mr. Elias Edwards from thence along the sd head line of the sd Edwards to the place where it first began with all and singular its rights members and appurts together with all houses Edifices buildings prileyards(?) gardens woods and underwoods wayes waters and water Courses Advantages

profits Emoluments hereditaments and appurts whatever to the sd Land parcell or piece of land and premises or to any part or parcell thereof belonging or in any wayes appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders rents Issues and profitt of all and Singular the Aforesaid premises and every part and parcell thereof and allso all the right title & Interest possession property land and demand whatsoever of them the sd francis Wright and Anne his Wife and Jno Wright To have and to hold the sd parcell or piece of land and all and Singular the premises hereby granted bargained sold remised released and confirmed or intended to be hereby granted bargained and sold and every part and pcell thereof with their and every of their appurts unto the sd Henry Boatman Junr his heirs Exers Admrs and Assignes for ever more and the sd francis Wright and Anne his wife and Jno Wright for themselves there heirs &c do Covenant promise grant and agree to and with the sd Henry Boatman his heirs and assignes that the sd francis Wright and Anne his Wife and Jno Wright and their heirs &c thereby granted and sold premises with their and every of their appurts unto the sd Henry Boatman Junr his heirs & assigns forever shall and will warrant and for ever defend by these prsnts agst all persons claiming or ____ whatsoever And the sd francis Wright and Anne his wife and Jno Wright do further Covenant promise and agree to and with the sd Henry Boatman Junr his heirs and assigns that at the next Court to be held for the County of Lancaster afsd they will acknowledge these presents in deed of Law and finally shall do make and acknowledge ____ all and every such other act and acts thing and things devises(?) and assurances in the law whatsoever as by the sd Henry Boatman Junr his heirs and assignes shall be reasonably advised advised or required In witness whereof the sd francis and Anne his wife and Jno Wright have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year abovesd

	his
Signed Sealed and delivered	francis W Wright
in presence of	mark
William Edwards	her
his	Anne X Wright
Charles X Wright	mark
marke	John Wright

Be it remembred that this day to wit the 17th day of December Anno Dom 1719 Peaceable & quiet possession & Seizin of the Lands and premises in the within deed Comprised was given and delivered by the within mentioned francis Wright and Anne his wife and Jno Wright unto the within named Henry Boatman Junr by the delivery of turf and twigg upon the premises in the name of Seizin in the presence of us

William Edwards	his
his	francis W Wright
Charles X Wright	mark

mark her
Anne X Wright
mark
John Wright

Lancaster SS At the Court held for Lancaster County ye 9th day of March Anno Dom 1719 The sd deed wth Livery of Seizin thereon endorsed was acknowledged by francis Wright Anne Wright John Wright unto Henry Boatman Junr Allso Elizabeth ye wife of Jno Wright relinquished her dower all wch at ye motion of ye Hnery Boatman Junr is ordered to be recorded & is recorded this 6 day of May next following

Wm Dare Clk Cort"

No further documentary record for Francis Wright has as yet been found. Nevertheless, from the evidence set forth below the following child of Francis Wright and Ann (____) Wright has been identified:

1) Francis Wright, born probably before 1711 probably in Lancaster County, Virginia.

1. <u>1767 Francis Wright Of Amherst County, His Wife Mary (Hawkins) Wright, And His Descendants</u>

1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County was the son of Francis Wright and Anne (____) Wright. (1690 Francis[1], Francis[2])

There is no direct documentary evidence that 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County was a son of Francis Wright (hereafter in this section referred to as Francis Wright, Jr.) and Anne (____) Wright. The loss of records in Hanover and King William Counties may preclude a documentary confirmation of this line of descent. However, circumstantial evidence in conjunction with Y-DNA matching supports this identification.

a. <u>Loss Of Records</u>

As set forth in <u>Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia, Part VII: 1767 Francis Wright Of Amherst County</u>, the first documentary record of 1767 Francis Wright is in the Louisa County, Virginia, records in 1742 when he filed a suit in trespass against William White and in 1743 when he recorded a mark for his stock. On May 8, 1750, at Louisa County, Virginia, D.B. A/404 Francis Wright and Mary his wife of St. David's Parish, King William County, sold 800 acres of land on Contrary

Creek to John Thomson. No patent deed for this 800 acres has been found and no record of the purchase by or transfer to Francis Wright of that 800 acres has been found in the Louisa County records. In addition, Louisa County, Virginia, Tithables And Census 1743-1785, compiled by Rosalie Edith Davis, Manchester, Missouri, 1988, stated that the Louisa County tithable lists from 1743 to 1766 are missing.

Louisa County was formed from Hanover County in 1742 and the record of the purchase or transfer of that 800 acres was probably recorded in the Hanover County records. However, substantial losses have occurred in the Hanover County records. No reference to a Francis Wright was found in the following records:

1) Hanover County, Virginia, Court Records 1733-1735: Deeds, Wills and Inventories, transcribed and compiled by Rosalie Edith Davis, Manchester, Missouri, 1979;

2) Hanover County, Virginia, Deeds 1783-1792, transcribed and compiled by Rosalie Edith Davis, Manchester, Missouri, 1983;

3) The Vestry Book Of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County, Virginia, 1706-1789, transcribed and edited by C. G. Chamberlayne, Richmond, Virginia, 1940;

4) Hanover County Chancery Wills And Notes, compiled by William Ronald Cocke III, Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, 1978;

5) Our Quaker Friends Of Ye Olden Time, compiled by James P. Bell, Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, 1976;

6) Hanover County, Virginia, Superior Court Records, Volumes 1 & 2, edited by Richard Slatten and transcribed by Janice Luck Abercrombie, Richmond, Virginia, 1967; and

7) Some Ancient Landowners in Saint Martin's Parish, Hanover County, Virginia, by Norine Campbell Gregory, New Papyrus Co., Inc., 2001.

The 1750 Louisa County Deed by which Francis Wright sold his 800 acres on Contrary Creek referred to him and his wife Mary as "of the County of King William & Parish of St. David's". Francis Wright and his wife may have owned land in Hanover County in a part which became Louisa County, but actually resided in King William

County. Unfortunately, the King William County records have also suffered substantial losses. No reference to a Francis Wright was found in the following records:

1) King William County, Virginia, Record Book Abstracts 1702-1705, transcribed by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, The Antient Press, 1996;

2) King William County, Virginia, Record Book Abstracts 1705-1721, transcribed by Ruth & Sam Sparacio, The Antient Press, 1996;

3) King William County, Virginia, Record Books 1722 & 1785-1786, transcribed by Lydia (Sparacio) Bontempo, The Antient Press, 2003; and

4) King William County, Virginia, Records 1702-1806, compiled by Beverly R. Conolly, New Papyrus Publishing, Athens, Georgia, 2006.

No publication of the St. David's Parish records has yet been found and A Guide To Episcopal Church Records in Virginia by Edith F. Axelson stated that:

> "St. David's Parish, Diocese of Virginia, was formed in 1745 from portions of St. Margaret's Parish and St. John's Parish.
>
> St. David's Episcopal Church c 1859
> Aylett, VA 23009
>
> There are incomplete and poorly maintained records dating back to 1932. All earlier records were apparently lost. The remaining records may be seen by appointment. As time permits, questions of a specific nature will be answered."

St. David's Parish was formed from St. Margaret's Parish in 1745. No publication of the St. Margaret's Parish records has yet been found and A Guide To Episcopal Church Records in Virginia did not discuss the location or status of the records for this parish.

St. Margaret's Parish was formed in 1721 from St. John's Parish. No publication of the St. John's Parish records has yet been found and A Guide To Episcopal Church Records in Virginia stated that:

> "St. John's Parish, Diocese of Virginia, was formed in 1680 from Blisland Parish.
>
> St. John's Episcopal Church 1680
> P.,O. Box 629
> West Point, VA 23181

There are Parish Registers of baptisms, marriages and burials from 1892 forward. These may be seen by appointment. Letters would be answered on a case by case basis."

The result is a lack of documentary sources which might trace 1767 Francis Wright beyond the early years of Louisa County.

b. Circumstantial Evidence

The circumstantial evidence potentially identifying the parents of 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County as Francis Wright, Jr., and Anne (____) Wright includes 1) an appropriate timing of birth and marriage dates for Francis Wright, Jr., and 1767 Francis Wright, 2) the naming of a daughter by 1767 Francis Wright with the same name as Francis Wright, Jr.'s wife, and 3) appropriate timing and direction of the migration of Francis Wright, Jr., and his siblings from Lancaster County and appropriate location of the origins of 1767 Francis Wright.

i. Appropriate Timing Of Birth And Marriage Dates

As set forth above, Francis Wright, Jr., was probably born before January 12, 1677/78, and Francis Wright, Jr., and Anne (____) Wright were married before March 7, 1706/7. As set forth in Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia, Part VII, there is evidence that 1767 Francis Wright's children were born before various years in the 1750's and there are undocumented assertions that his daughter Mary (Wright) Shelton was born in 1728, that his daughter Anner (Wright) Waters was born in 1729, that his son Benjamin Wright was born possibly before 1737, and that his son Isaac Wright was born in 1744 in King William County, Virginia. If these dates of birth are approximately correct, then 1767 Francis Wright was born probably before 1711. Since Francis Wright, Jr., and Anne (____) Wright were married before March 7, 1706/7, the date of 1767 Francis Wright's birth in 1711 would be consistent with 1767 Francis being a child of Francis Wright, Jr., and Anne (____) Wright.

ii. Daughter Named For Mother

The will of 1767 Francis Wright dated on December 9, 1766, and probated on September 7, 1767, at Amherst County, Virginia, W.B. 1/110, listed one of his daughters as Anner Waters. It would not be unusual for

1767 Francis Wright to name one of his children for his mother Anne (____) Wright. The similarity in names indicates a family connection.

iii. Appropriate And Similar Migration Pattern

As set forth above, on December 10, 1718, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/110 Francis Wright and Anne Wright sold their remaining 70 acres of land in Lancaster County. No further records of this Francis Wright have been found in Lancaster County or elsewhere and this sale probably represented the termination of their residence in Lancaster County and their move to new land.

King William County is to the west of Lancaster County and in the clear route of migration out of that latter county and would be a possible location for the residence of Francis Wright and Anne (____) Wright after their departure from Lancaster County. There is an undocumented assertion that 1767 Francis Wright's son Isaac Wright was born in 1744 in King William County, Virginia. The 1750 Louisa County Deed indicates that 1767 Francis Wright was a resident of King William County.

Hanover and Louisa Counties are to the west of King William County and are logical destinations for the migration of 1767 Francis Wright from King William County.

There is also evidence of a migration of the children of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County away from Lancaster County in about 1718 and to counties immediately south of King William, Hanover, and Louisa Counties.

As set forth below, the youngest son of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County was 1730 John Wright of Goochland County and on December 10, 1718, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/110 John Wright acted as a witness to the sale of by Francis Wright of his remaining 70 acres of land in Lancaster County to his brother Charles Wright and his brother in law Ralph Briggs. No further records of this John Wright have been found in Lancaster County after this date and this John Wright had moved to Henrico County by January 7, 1722/23, and on September 28, 1728, by Patent Deed 14/8 John Wright purchased 333 acres of land in Henrico County south of the James River in a part which became Goochland County.

The part of Henrico County that became Goochland County is immediately south of Hanover and Louisa Counties.

As set forth below, the daughter of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County was Mary Wright who married Ralph Briggs and by 1722 Mary (Wright) Briggs and her husband Ralph Briggs had also moved from Lancaster County to Henrico County.

The result is that the records for Francis Wright and Anne (____) Wright, 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, and Mary (Wright) Briggs all indicate the migration of the children of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County away from Lancaster County in about 1718 and for 1730 John Wright and Mary (Wright) Briggs to an area immediately south of Hanover and Louisa Counties, where 1767 Francis Wright owned land.

c. Matching Y-DNA Evidence

The Wright DNA Project at http://www.wright-dna.org/ has a number of participants who are male descendants with the surname Wright of 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County. To the surprise of researchers of 1767 Francis Wright, the Y-DNA of those descendants matched closely the Y-DNA of descendants of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter). This is a different John Wright from 1730 John Wright of Goochland County who was once described as a carpenter. However, as set forth below, the circumstantial evidence indicates that John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was probably the same person as John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County.

The known information about John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) has been published in Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia, Part II: John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter).

The two lines of 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County and John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) match in 36 of 37 markers. The Wright DNA Project indicates that there is a 97.48% probability of a common ancestor within the last 300 years. Since 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County was probably born before 1711 and John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was born probably before 1719, this

indicates a relatively high probability that the common ancestor of the two lines was from one to three generations back from each of those persons.

That common ancestor would be 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County, who was probably the grandfather of both men.

However, as set forth below in connection with John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, there is one alternative theory which could explain the Y-DNA evidence. But in that theory 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County would also be a son of Francis Wright and Anne (____) Wright.

d. Summary

The combination of circumstantial evidence and matching of Y-DNA evidence indicates that 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County was a son of Francis Wright and Anne (____) Wright.

As mentioned above, the documentary evidence regarding 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County has been set forth in Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia, Part VII: 1767 Francis Wright Of Amherst County and is not repeated here. That material is available online for downloading at: https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/1635762?availability=Family%20History%20Library.

B. Charles Wright

Charles Wright was a son of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith. (1690 Francis[1])

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on January 12, 1698/99, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/59 Francis Wright was granted part of his deceased father's estate in the hands of his mother Mary Lawrence, administratrix of her deceased husband William Lawrence, and similar orders were made for Charles Wright, Mary Wright, and John Wright:

> "Lancaster County Court 12th of January 1698/99
>
> . . . .
>
> Order is granted unto Francis Wright for his part of his deced. Father's Estate in ye hands of his Mother, Mary Lawrence, Administratrix of her deced. Husband, William Lawrence, which is ordered to be paid als Execution

Idem. To Charles Wright, Mary Wright and John Wright"

This record identifies Charles Wright as one of the children of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) Lawrence. This record also indicates that Charles Wright had attained age 21 by January 12, 1698/99, indicating a date of birth before January 12, 1677/78. Since 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County resided in Lancaster County, Virginia, the place of birth of his son Charles Wright was probably in Lancaster County, Virginia.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on March 9, 1698/99, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/65 the action by Charles Wright against Mary Lawrence, as administratrix of the estate of William Lawrence, was continued:

"Lancaster County Court 9th of March 1698/99

. . . .

The action brought to this Court by Charles Wright against Mary Lawrence, Administratrix of William Lawrence, deced., is continued by consent of both partys"

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on July 13, 1699, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/69 the action by Charles Wright against Mary Lawrence, as administratrix of the estate of William Lawrence, was dismissed:

"Att a Court continued by Adjournment ye 13th of July 1699

. . . .

The action brought to this Court by Charles Wright against Mary Lawrence, Administratrix of William Lawrence, deced is dismist, neither appearing"

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1702 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 5/12 listed one Charles Wright on November 12, 1702:

"Lancaster County Court 12th of November 1702

. . . .

Tithables in Christ Church Parish

. . . .

Charles Wright 2

. . . .

John Wright 1

. . . .
John Wright 2
. . . .
Samuell Wright 4
. . . .
Tithables in Saint Mary's White Chapple Parish
. . . .
Arthur Wright 3
. . . ."

This record indicates that Charles Wright was born before June 10, 1686.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1703 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 5/54 listed one Charles Wright on November 11, 1703:

"Lancaster County Court 11th of November 1703
. . . .
Levis.

The County of Lancaster being indebted in the sum of 33086 pounds of tobacco it is ordered that a Levie of thirty five pounds of tobacco per Poll be collected by Mr. John Turbervile, High Sheriffe of this County, of and from every Tithable person in this County he haveing given Bond with security to pay ye severall sums to ye severall persons hereafter named (vizt)
. . . .
Tithables in Christ Church Parish
. . . .
John Wright 1
. . . .
Charles Wright 1
John Wright 1
Francis Wright 1
. . . .
John Wright 2
. . . .
Tithables White Chappell Parrish
. . . .
Arthur Write 1
. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1704 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 5/108 listed one Charles Wright on November 8, 1704:

"Lancaster County Court 8th of November 1704

. . . .

Tithables

. . . .

Charles Wright	1
Francis Wright	1

. . . .

John Wright	1

. . . .

John Wright, Plaisterer	1

. . . .

Arthur Wright	2

. . . ."

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1705 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 5/138 listed one Charles Wright on December 13, 1705:

"Lancaster County Court 13th of December 1705

. . . .

Arthur Wright	2

. . . .

Francis Wright	1
Charles Wright	1

. . . .

John Wright	2

. . . ."

On March 8, 1706, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/225 Francis Wright of Christ Church Parish conveyed to his brother Charles Wright 50 acres of land that descended from Charles Hill to his daughter Mary (Hill) Wright, the mother of Francis and Charles Wright, and from Mary (Hill) Wright to Francis Wright as her heir, with John Wright and Ralph Brig as witnesses:

> "This Indenture made this Eight day of March Ano Dom one thousand seven hundred and six and in the sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c. Between Francis Wright of the Prish of Christ Church & Coty of Lancastr Planter of the one part and Charles Wright the Brother of the aforesd Francis Wright of the Prish & Coty aforesd. planter of the other part Witnesseth that the sd Francis Wright as well for & in Consideracon of the Love & true respect that he hath & beareth unto his brother Charles Wright as for ye raiseing the uses herein after exprest And for divers other good Causes &

Consideracons, him hereunto moveing Hath given granted alliened enfeofed & Confirmed And by these psents Doth give grant alliene enfeofe & Confirm unto the sd Charles Wright one certaine tract peice or pcell of Land conteigning fivety acres or thereabouts being part of a tract of land conteigning three hundred acres which is part of a patten for Six hundred acres of Land belonging to Elias Edmunds Lt of this County (Decd) and by the sd. by the said Elias Edmunds (Decd) his Last Will & Testamt. in writing and duely proved given unto Walter Heard Lt of this Coty also (Decd) and by the sd. Hearde Sold & Conveyed by one authentique Deed of bargaine and sale dated the Sixth of August one thousand six hundred fivety and four unto one Jno Meredith now alsoe (Decd) & by him the sd. Jno Meridith sold and assigned over unto Jno Jones by an Assignmt. Endorsed upon the back of the sd Deed of Sale and is dated the ninth day of aprill one thousand six hundred & fivety six, and by him the sd Jones in his life time sold & conveyed by one authentique Deed of bargaine & sale whose date is the last of March one thousand six hundred fivety nine unto Charles Hill, allso (Decd), and the sd Charles Hill dying Intestate the sd. three hundred acres of Land being the first part of the sd Six hundred acres of Land above specified (with other Lands of the sd. Charles Hill) Descended & fell amongst the Daughters of the sd Charles Hill in coparcenership, one where of was Mary Hill since by marriage Mary Wright the mother of the aforesd. Francis Wright & Charles Wright which sd Mary also Dying intestate the sd. three hundred of Land descended and came ye sd. Francis Wright as heir at Law to his Mother which sd fivety acres part of the aforesd three hundred acres is Scituate in the prish & Coty aforesd. and is bounded between the Snare(?) Swamp & the line of Coll. St. Leger Codd and the line of Majr. John Pinkard and the path which comes from the snare(?) Swamp through the old field towards the Mill & all & singular the rights proffits Emolmts. Heriditmts. and appurtenances in any wise belonging to the sd fivety Acres of Land hereby granted To have & to hold the sd fivety Acres of Land hereby granted & enfeoffed with all other the Emies(?) with their & every of their appurtenances unto the sd Charles Wright his heirs Extors or adrs. for and dureing the full term of ninety & nine years Comencing from the date hereof upon this trust & Confidence nevertheless that the sd fivety acres of Land nor any part or pcell thereof shall not be by the sd Charles Wright his heirs Extors or Admirs sold or assigned over unto any other prson to the prejudice of the sd Fra: Wright his heirs & assigns dureing the sd term of ninety nine years & the sd Francis Wright for himself his heirs & assigns Doth covenant promise & agree to & with the sd Charles Wright in manner following that the sd Charles Wright and his heirs from henceforth shall & may Lawfully & peaceably stand & be seized in all & singular the premises with the appurtenances hereby granted & for the use Interest & purposes before hereby mentioned & Exprest without ye let claime Trouble or Interuption of him the sd Francis Wright his heirs Extors or other assigns or by any other person or persons Whatsoever claiming by from or under him and further the sd Francis Wright & his heirs shall & will at the request of the sd Charles Wright or his heirs or assigns make & acknowledge not only these prsents but that Anne the wife of the sd Francis Wright shall relinquish her

title of Dower in the same. In witness whereof the parties above named to these prsents have Interchangeably set their hands & seals the day & yeare first above written

by: not: Extor or Admir: out Interlined before ensealing hereof

Signed sealed & deli- Francis Wright
vered in p:sence of us
Jos Tayloe
Ralph X Brig
Jno Wright,
Wm Chaple

March ye 9th 1706/7. Memord. That Livery & Seizen was this day given by Francis Wright & Anne his Wife unto Charles Wright of the wth:in mentioned land & pr:misses by the delivery of Turff & Twigg upon part of the sd. Land in the name of the whole in the p:sence of

Jos: Tayloe
Jno: Wright
Wm: Chaple

Recognitr: in Cur: Com Lancastr 14th die May 1707 p Fr: Wright et recordr:

p Jos Tayloe, Clk"

On August 19, 1710, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/324 Charles Wright gave a two year old heifer to William Meridith's grandson Merridith Wright:

"Augt. 19th 1710. Wm: Meridith records for my Grandson, Merridith Wright a young Mare fillie which is to be branded wth: ____ which is ____

Recordr
Jos: Tayloe, Clk

Charles Wright gives to ye sd. Merridith Wright a two yeare old Heifer marked wth: two crops & one over keele wth: all its encrease.

Recordr
Jos: Tayloe, Clk"

As will be set forth below, Meredith Wright was a son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County and grandson of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and, therefore, a nephew of Charles Wright.

On January 8, 1713/14, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/461 Charles Wright acted as a witness to the deed of purchase of 50 acres of land by John Wright from Peter and Elizabeth Kilgore.

On June 7, 1717, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/92 Charles Wright purchased from Ralph and Mary Briggs 35 acres of land:

> "This Indenture made this Seventh day of June in ye year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventeen Between Ralph Briggs & Mary his Wife of ye parrish of Christ church and County of Lancaster of ye one part And Charles Wright of ye parrish & County above Said of the other part Wittnesseth That ye Said Ralph Briggs for divers good causes & Considerascons him thereunto moveing but more Especially for & in Consideracon of ye Sum of two thousand pounds of tobbacco in hand delivered &casque paid by ye Sd Charles Wright att and before the ensealing of these presents the receipt hereof and himselfe therewith satisfyed contented & paid he doth hereby acknowledge Hath granted bargained & Sold aliened transferred enffeofed & Confirmed and by these presents for himself his heirs & assigns Doth grant bargain Sell Alien transfer and Enfeof and Confirm unto the aforesd Charles Wright & his heirs for Ever all ye Right title Interest possession claim & demand of him ye sd Ralph Briggs of in or to a certain tract or parcell of land wheron ye sd Ralph Briggs now liveth Scituate lying & being in ye parrish of Christ church in ye County of Lancaster in Virginia and bounded as followeth Beginning at a Cedar stake standing in line of Mr John Pinkards near to ye mill road Thence down ye Said Pinkards line to a Cedar stake in ye sd line drive into ground thence across ye dividand by a line of Cedar stakes made by ye sd Ralph Briggs & Charles to ye line of Frances Edwards thence up ye sd Edwardses line till itt come to a Corner Cedar stake thence across ye sd land by a line of marked trees to ye Cedar Stake where itt first began being by Estimacon thirty five acres more or less the sd parcell of land being part of a Devidend formerly belonging to Francis Wright decd but now in ye possession of Ralph Briggs Together wth all & Singular the houseing Out houseing fenceing pastures wayes waters water courses wth all woods underwoods timber & timber trees to ye bargained & Sold premisses wth their & every of their appurtenances belonging or in any ways appertaining To have & to hold the above bargained & sold land & premisses wth their & every of their appurtenances unto ye said Charles Wright his heirs Exctrs Admtrs or assignes forever he or they Yeilding or paying Quit rents from hence forth growing due to ye rent gatherers And ye sd Ralph Briggs doth for himself his heirs Exetrs Admtrs or assignes shall & will warrant to ye abovesd Charles Wright these premisses and Confirm itt to ye abovesd Charles Wright his heirs Exectrs admrs forever And ye same from time to time ye sd Ralph Briggs his heires Exectrs Admtrs or Assignes shall & will warrant & defend ye same from any manner of person or persons that shall lay claime thereto by from or under him them or any of them And farther ye sd Ralph Briggs doth for himself his heirs Exectrs Admtrs Covenant & agree wth the sd Charles Wright his heirs

exects admrs & assignes That at Some Court wthin Six months after ye date of these presents he ye sd Ralph Briggs wth Mary his Wife shall either in person or by her lawfull Attorney acknowledge these presents before his Majties Justices in open Court and shall & will at ye reasonable request of ye sd Charles Wright his heirs Extrs admtrs or assignes or any of them at any time hereafter shall Execute any Such other Act or Acts thing or things for ye more sure Conveying & ye further Confirming ye abovesd premisses whether it be by deed or any other Instrumt of writeing wch he thought Convenient as he ye sd Charles Wright or his heirs Extrs admrs or assigns wth ye advise of their Councell well learned in ye law shall advise him or them unto Provided ye sd Charles Wright his heirs Extrs admrs pay ye Costs thereof In wittness whereof both partys have Interchangeably sett their hands & fixed their Seals ye day & year first above written. (Interlined before signing

Signed Seled and deliverd				his		
in presence of			Ralph	X	Briggs	ye seal
	his			mark		
Wm	X	Meredith	Mary	W	Briggs	ye seal
	mark					
	her					
Eliza	M	Wright				
	mark					
Jno Wright						

Memorandm: That this day Livery & Seizin of ye lands & premisses in this deed of bargain & sale was given by by ye Ralph Briggs to ye sd Charles Wright by ye delivery of turff & twigg on part of the premisses in ye name & token of Seizin of all & singular ye Land & tenements Comprised in this Deed in presence of us ye Subscribers hereunto

	his			his	
Wm	X	Meredith	Ralph	X	Briggs
	her			mark	
Eliza	M	Wriht			
	mark				
Jno Wright"					

On December 10, 1718, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/110 Charles Wright, Francis Wright and his wife Anne of Christ Church Parish, and Ralph Briggs sold to William Ranken 70 acres of land, part of the land inherited by Francis Wright from his mother Mary (Hill) Wright and sold to Charles Wright and by Charles Wright sold to Ralph Briggs, with John Wright and William Meredith as witness:

"This indenture made the tenth day of December Anno Dni 1718 Between Francis Wright of the parish of Christ Church in the County of Lancaster and Anne his wife Charles Wright of the same planter and Ralph Briggs of the same County planter of the one part and William Ranken of the parish and County aforesaid Tayler of the oyr part Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs for and in Consideration of the sum of four thousand five hundred pound of good merchantable tobacco in casque in hand payed unto the said Francis at and before the ensealing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and for oyr good causes and Cons them the sd Francis Charles and Ralph hereunto moveing Have and each of them hath granted bargained Sold aliened enfeofed released and confirmed and by these presents do and each of them doth grant bargain sell alien enfeofe & confirm unto the said William Ranken his heirs Exers Admrs and asignes forever all that one certain tract or parcell of Land and Containing by Estimation Seventy acres be it more or less being part of a tract of Land Containing three hundred acres which is part of a parcel of Six hundred acres of Land belonging to Elias Edmonds of this County decd and by the said Elias Edmonds by his last Will and testament in writing and Duly proved given unto Walter Heard late of this county all soe decd and by the sd Heard Sold and conveyed by one authentique deed of bargain and sale dated the sixth day of August one thousand six hundred and fifty four unto one John Meredith allso decd and by him the said Meredith sold and assigned unto John Jones by one assignment Endorsed and bearing date the ninth of Aprill one thousand six hundred fifty six and by him the said Jones in his lifetime by deed dated the last of March one thousand six hundred and fifty nine sold and Conveyed unto Charles Hill allso Decd and the said Charles dying intestate the said three hundred acres of Land being the first part of the sd six hundred acres of Land above Specified with oyr Land of the said Hill descended and fell amongst the Daughters of the said Hill in Coparcenership and whereof was Mary Hill by name since by marriage Mary Wright and mother of the sd Francis Wright and Charles Wright which said Mary allso dying intestate the sd three hundred acres of Land Descended unto and became vested in the sd Francis as the heir at law And fifty acres of the above granted seventy and part of the above mentioned three hundred acres was afterward sold and Conveyed unto the sd Charles by the sd Francis by deed dated the eighth day of March Anno Dom: 1706 and by Endorsement on the back of the sd deed (not acknowledged) assigned by the sd Charles unto the sd Ralph Briggs his heirs Exers admrs and asignes all which Land fifty acres so granted and Assigned as aforesaid and the Said twenty acres granted as aforesaid part of the aforesaid three hundred acres are Scituate in the parish and County of Lancaster aforesaid and are bounded as followeth (To witt) The Said fifty acres part of the hereby granted Seventy acres between the Snare Swamp and the Line of Coll St Leger Codd and the line of Mr Jno pinkard and the pcl(?) which comes from the sd Snare Swamp throgh the old field Towards the Mill and the sd twenty acres ye part of the sd Seventy acres hereby or Intended to be granted lying adjoining unto the now Corn field of the sd Charles Wright in the parish and County

aforesaid as by the now marked trees is sett out and all houses out houses orchards gardens wayes paths waters water courses Timber timber trees rights and profitts Emoluments hereditaments and interests in any wayes belonging unto the sd Seventy acres of Land hereby granted or intended to be granted To have and to hold all and Singular the hereby granted Seventy acres of Land and premises with their and every of their rights members and appurts unto the sd William Ranken his heirs and assignes for ever and the sd francis wright Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs do and each of them doth Covenant promise and grant to and with the sd Wm Rawken his heirs Exers and Admrs In manner and form following that is to say that they the sd francis Wright Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs now have or some or one of them now hath in him or themselves good right full power And lawful authority to Grant and Convey All and Singular the above said Seventy acres with the appurts unto the sd Wm Ranken his heires &c: In manner and form aforesaid and that free and clear from all Encumbrances whatsoever and allso that the sd francis Charles and Ralph nor any of them Jointly nor Severally have not at any time nor times heretofore had made or done or Committed or caused or procured to be had made done or committed any act matter or thing whatsoever by reason means or occasion whereof the Estate or Interest hereby granted or intended to be granted can shall or in any wayes may be charged prejudiced or encumbered in ____ charge Estate or otherwise And further the sd Francis Charles and Ralph do Jointly and Severally and for their Joint and severall heirs Exers and Adminrs Covenant promise and agree to and with the sd William Ranken his heirs and Assignes shalle the said William Ranken his heirs Exers Admrs and Assignes from the day of the date hereof Shall peaceably and quietly have hold use occupy possess and enjoy all and Singular the hereby granted premises with the appurts forever without any the lawful lett Suite trouble ____ Ejectione Disturbance or denyall of them the sd Francis Charles and Ralph or any or either of them their any or either of their heirs Exers or admrs or any other person or persons claiming or to claim by from or and under them any or either of them And the sd francis for himself his heirs Exers and Admrs and every of them doth Covenant promise and agree to and with the sd Wm Ranken his and Assignes that he the sd francis Wright his heirs Exers and Administrators at all times hereafter at the request and at his own charge in the law of the sd Wm Ranken his heirs Exers Admrs or Attorney Shall and will do make acknowledge & hereby Suffer and Execute all and every Such further and other reasonable and ____ act and thing and things Devises and ____ in the law whatsoever for the better and more pfect and Sure makeing of the sd hereby granted premises unto the said William Ranken his heirs and Assignes as by him the sd Ranken his heirs or Assignes his or their Counsell learned in the Law Shall be reasonably desired Advised or required And allsoe that he the sd francis wright his heirs Exers and Admrs and every of them all and Singular the hereby granted Seventy acres of Land and premises with the appurtenances unto him the said William Ranken his heirs Executors administrators foreveer Shall and will warrend And Defend against all persons claiming or to claim whatsoever In witness whereof the partys above said to

these psents their hands and Sealls Interchangeably have Sett ____ the day and year abovesd

Seale	Seale
Sigd:	Signd:
Ralph X Briggs	Charles C Wright
Seale	Seale
Sigd:	Sigd:
Anne X Wright	fr W Wright

____ wthin memd of ye within namd Wm Ranken ye sume of four thous: ____ being ye full consideratns within mentioned ____

	his		Francis W Wright
William	X	Meredith	
	mark		

Sealed & delivered in ye psence of us John Wright William X Meredith

Memorandum yt ye day & yeare wtin mentioned livery & sersin by ____ mentioned francis wright & Anne his wife Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs was given of the wtin mentioned Lands and premises unto ye within named William Ranken by the Delivery of turf & twigg upon part of said land in ye name of the whole in the presence of John Wright

Sigd
William X Meredith

Lancaster SS

Att a Court held for Lancaster County the 11th day of Febry Anno Dom 1718 This deed wt ye Livery & Seizin ____ Edward was acknowledged by Thomas Cunlar atto of Ralph Briggs Charles Wright Anne Wright & francis Wright unto Wm Ranken & at ye motion of ye sd Ranken is ordered recorded & is recorded this 21t day of Aprill following

p Wm Dare Clk Cort

Know all men by these presents that I Francis Wright of the of the parish of Christ, Church in the County of Lancaster planter doe stand and am firmly bound unto Wm Ranken of the same parish Taylor in the sume of one hundred pounds Sterling of Good and lawfull money of Great Brittain to be payed to the Said Will: Ranken or his true and ____ Attorney Exer Admrs or assignes to the which payment well and truly to be made & do bind my self my heirs Exers and Admrs

firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seale dated this tenth day of December Anno Dom 1718

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound bounden francis Wright his heirs Exers and Admitrs and Assignes and every of them do and shall at all times hereafter and from time to time well and truely observe perform fullfill pay do and keep all and every the Covents grants articles termes(?) provisoes payments & covenants which on his or their parts or behalf are and ought to be observed performed and fulfilled payed done and kept Specified and comprised in one Certain Indentr of feoffmt bearing under date with these presents made beh__ the above bounded francis Wright and Anne his wife Charles wright and Ralph Briggs both of Lancaster aforesaid planters of the one part and the above named William Ranken of the oytr(?) part and yt in att to the trust interest and invoking(?) of the sd Indenture Then this Obligation be void

Sealed and delivered in the psence of us John Wright William X Meridith

Sigd: Francis W Wright

Lancaster __ Att a Court held for Lancaster County the 11t day of febry Anno Dom 1718 This bond was Acknowledged by Francis Wright unto Wm Ranken and at ye motion of ye sd Ranken is ordered to be Recorded & is recorded this 21t day of Aprill following

p Wm Dare Clk Cort"

No further documentary record for Charles Wright has as yet been found.

C. Mary (Wright) Briggs, Her Husband Ralph Briggs, And Her Descendants

Mary (Wright) Briggs, was a daughter of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith. (1690 Francis[1])

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on January 12, 1698/99, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/59 Francis Wright was granted part of his deceased father's estate in the hands of his mother Mary Lawrence, administratrix of her deceased husband William Lawrence, and similar orders were made for Charles Wright, Mary Wright, and John Wright:

"Lancaster County Court 12th of January 1698/99

. . . .

Order is granted unto Francis Wright for his part of his deced. Father's Estate in ye hands of his Mother, Mary Lawrence, Administratrix of her deced. Husband, William Lawrence, which is ordered to be paid als Execution

Idem. To Charles Wright, Mary Wright and John Wright"

This record identifies Mary Wright as one of the children of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) Lawrence. This record indicates that Mary Wright was born before June 10, 1686. Since 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County resided in Lancaster County, Virginia, the place of birth of his daughter Mary Wright was probably in Lancaster County, Virginia.

On March 8, 1706/07, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/225 Ralph Briggs was a witness to a deed in which Francis Wright of Christ Church Parish conveyed to his brother Charles Wright 50 acres of land that descended from Charles Hill to his daughter Mary (Hill) Wright, the mother of Francis and Charles Wright.

On December 15, 1713, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/476 Ralph Briggs purchased from Francis Wright and Anne Wright 50 acres of land that formerly belonged to Francis Wright's father Francis Wright, with John Wright as witness:

"This Indenture made the fiveteenth day of December one thousand Seven hundred thirteen Between francis Wright & Anne his wife of the pish of Xt Church in the County of Lancaster of the one partie and Ralph Brigg of the sd pish & County of the other partie Wittnesseth that the sd francis Wright and Anne his wife fo rand in Consideracon of threee thousand pounds of merchantable tobacco to him in hand paid aat the Ensealeing & delivery of these presents by the sd Ralph Briggs the receipt wherof the sd Francis Wright doth hereby acnowledge herewith satisfied by these psents Hath granted bargained sold remised released & confirmed And by these presents doth fully & absolutely grant bargain sell remise release & Confirme unto the sd Ralph Briggs (in his actual possession now being by virtue of a bargaine & sale to him thereof made for one whole yeare by Indenture beareing date the day before these presents of and by force of a Stature for transferring uses into possession) to his heires and assignes for Ever a lot tract pcell of Land containing about fifety acres more or Less Begining att a Corner red Oake binding on the Land of Mr Jno Tayloe thence down Mr Jno Pinkards Line to a Cedar stake drove in to the ground from thence right across the devident of Land by a line of Cedar stakes haveing one one marked ____ in or near to the former stakes and soe to the line of Frances Edward from thence upwards binding up on the line of frances Edwards till it

come to my head line thence along my head line binding upon Mr John Tayloe till it come to the Corner red Oake wherein firste began the sd fifety acres of Land (more or less) Scituate lyeing & being in the pish of Christ Church in the County of Lancaster and now in the tenure & occupacon of of the sd Ralph Briggs bounded as above the sd pcell of Land being part of a devident of Land formerly belonging to my father francis Wright decd with all & singular the rights members & appurtenances ec together with all houses Edifices buildings orchards gardens woods & under woods wayes waters & water courses advantages profits Emolutmnts Heriditamnts & appurtenances whatsoever with sd pcell or peice of Land & pmisses or to any part or pcell thereof belonging or in any ways appertaining and the reversion & reversions remainder & remaindrs rents isssues & profitts of all & singular the before mentioned pmisses & Every part & pcell thereof and allsoe all the right title & Interest possession propertie Claimes & demand whatsoever of him the sd francis Wright & Ann his wife To have and to hold the sd pcell or peice of Land and all and singular the pmisses hereby granted bargained & Sold remised released & confirmed or mentioned is be hereby granted bargained & sold & Every part & pcell thereof with their & Every of their appurtenances unto the sd Ralph Briggs his heirsExtrs & admtrs or assignes for Ever more to be holden of the Cheife ____ fee or fees of the prmisses by Rents & services for the same due and of right accustomed to be paid and the sd frances Wright for himselfe his heires Extrs & Admtrs & Every of them doe Covenant promise (?) & agree to and with the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Exctrs admtrs & assignes and to and with Every & Either ofthem by these psents In manner & forme following (vizt) That the sd fr: Wright at ____ time of the Ensealeing & delivery of these prsents ____ and notwithstanding any act or acts thing or things done & ____ Contrary by him) Hath in him ____ good right full power Lawful & absolute to grant bargain & sell remise release & confirme the sd pcell or peice of Land and all and Singular the pmisses aforesd and Every part & pcell thereof & the appurtenances unto the sd Ralph Briggs his Extrs admtrs & assignes and that the sd pcell or peices of Land & pmisses aforesd and Every part & pcell thereof now are and be and soe from time to time & att all times hereafter shall remain Continue & be unto the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs admntrs or assignes free & Clear & freely & Clearly acquitted Exonnerrated and discharged or otherwise sufficiently saved harmless & kept Indemnified the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs or assignes of and from all other former gifts bargains grants sales Leases Joyntures Dowers & ____ of Dower Statutes recognizances Judgmnts forfeitures and Exectuons and of and from all other ____ troubles Charges Incumbrances Whatsoever had made Comitted done or Suffered to be done by him ye sd Francis Wright his heires Exctrs or any other pson or psons whatsoever Lawfully claiming or to Claime by from or under him or them by their or Either of their estate or estates and the sd Fr: Wright his heires Extrs & admtrs shall & will warrant the sd pcell or peice of Land & pmisses aforesd and Every part & pcell thereof hereby granted bargained sold remised released & confirmed unto the sd Ralph Briggs & his heires Extrs &c against all pson or psons whosoever shall & will att all time & times hereafter warrant and

defend by these presents And then the sd Fr: Wright his heires Extrs & admtrs shal & will from time to time and at all times hereafter upon any the reasonable request of the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs admntrs or assignes (within the space of Tenn yeares next comeing) make doe or suffer to be done al and Every such act or acts thing or things devise or devises conveyance & assurance for the further strengthening more sure & pfect makeing & Conveying of the sd hereby granted prmisses unto the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes o his or their Counceile Learned in the Law shall desire advise or require soe that the same be done att the charges of the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs &c In Wittness whereof the above mentioned parties hereunto hath Interchangable set their hands & affixed their seales the day & yeare first above written

Signed sealed & delivered
psence of
Waller Heard
Jno Wright
Deamarton Pasquel

francise Wright p sig:
Ralph Brigs p sig:

Recongnesed Cur Com Lancastr quarto dieimo die Janry anno Dom 1713 p fr: Wright Et Ann ____ Exc Er Crst: Wright Ex Recordr

p Jos Tayloe CL"

This conveyance of land to Ralph Briggs was similar to the conveyances to Charles Wright and John Wright and suggests that this was a similar family transaction for Mary Wright who had become the wife of Ralph Briggs. As will be set forth below, the wife of Ralph Briggs was Mary (_____) Briggs.

On January 2, 1713/14, in Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/507 Ralph Briggs and his wife Mary Briggs sold to Peter Kilgore 100 acres of land on which Ralph Briggs formerly lived:

"This Indenture made this second day of January in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & thirteen and in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith &c. Between Ralph Briggs of ye County of Lancaster Planter of the one part and Peter Kilgore of the sd County of the other part. Witnesseth that the sd Ralph Briggs for good divers good causes & consideracons him these unto moveing but more especially for and in cosideracon of three thousand punds of tobacco in hand paid delivered and caske paid by the sd Peter Kilgore at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt hereof and himselfe therewith satisfied contented and paid he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained and sold aliened

enfeoffed and confirmed unto the aforesaid Peter Kilgore and to his heirs forever all the right title interest possession claime and demand of him the sd Ralph Briggs of in or to a certaine tract or parcel of land whereon Ralph Briggs did formerly live situate lying and being in the pish of Christ Church in ye County of Lancaster in Virginia and bounded as followeth. Beginning att ye mouth of a Creeke and soe running as far as Wm Edmunds land doth run until it come to the land of the orphans of Charles Hill from thence running down the sd Edmonds his head line to a corner white oake standing by a marsh known by the name of Fishing Creeke Marsh thence running down the said Marsh & Creeke to the place where it first began being by estimacon one hundred acres more or less which sd land is part of a pattent belonging to Wm Edmonds the remainder is hereof now in the possession of Elias Edmunds son of the sd Wm Edmonds and by him the sd Wm Edmunds in his lifetime sold to Alexander Reed and the said Alexander Reed by his last Will and Testament in Writing deceased ye 22d day of Febry 1669 and duely proved and recorded in the County Court aforesd given and devised as his daughter Anne Reede to her and her heirs forever and the sd Anne Reede marrying with Peter Kilgore father of the abovesd Peter Kilgore and he in his life time sold to Lida Briggs and Thomas Reed by a Deed of Bargain and Sale bearing date the 31st day of Janry 1689 sold to them and their heirs forever and the sd Lidia Briggs decd the sd land fell to the sd Ralph Briggs as son and heir to his Mother together with all and singular the housing out housing fencing pastures water and water courses and ways with all woods under woods timber and timber trees to the bargained and sold premises with all their and every of their appurtenances belonging or in any wise To Have and To Hold the above bargained and sold land and premises with their and every of their appurtenances unto the sd Peter Kilgore his heirs Exors. Admrs. or assigns forever he or they yielding or paying Quitt Rents from hence forth growing due to the rent gatherers further the sd Ralphe Briggs doth for himselfe his heirs Exors. Admrs. and assigns that at some Court within six months after the date of these presents he the sd Ralph Briggs with his wife Mary shall either in person by her lawfull attorney acknowledge these presents before his Majesties Justices in Open Court may and wil at ye reasonable request of the sd Peter Kilgore or his heirs Exors. Admrs. or assigns or any of them att any time henceafter shall execute any such other Act or Acts Thing or Things for the more sure conveying and the further confirming the abvesd premises whether it be deed or any other instrument of writing which he thought fitt or convenient as he the said Peter Kilgore his heirs Exors. Admrs. or assigns with the advice of their council learned in the Law shall advise him or them unto provided ye sd Peter Kilgore his heirs Exors. Admrs. or assigns pay ye cost thereof. In Witness whereof parties have interchangeable sett their hands and fixed their seales the day and year first above written.

Singed Sealed and Delivered in presence of us
Jos Tayloe

Ralph Briggs

Isaac Rowden
John Wright

Memrd that this day Livery & Seizin of the lands and premises in this Deed of Bargain & Sale was given to Peter Kilgore by delivery of Turff & Twigg of the premises in ye name and taken of Seizin of all and singular the lands & tenements comprised in this Deed. In presence of us the subscibers hereunto

John Wright
Wm. Meredith
Wm Chapple

Recogniz in Cur Com Lancaster 10 die Marchy Ano Dom 1713 p Ralph Briggs et recordr et Maria suis exox p Jos Tayloe, Clk"

On February 3, 1715/16, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/56 Ralph and Mary Briggs sold to Francis Wright 50 acres of land:

"This Indenture made this third day of Febry in the yeare of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifeteen Between Ralph Briggs of ye pish of Xt Church and Church and County of Lancaster of the one part and Francis Wright of the pish & County abovesd of the other part Wittnesseth That ye sd Ralph Briggs for divers good causes and Consideracons him thereunto moveing But more Especially for and in Consideracon of Two thousand pounds of tobacco in hand deliverd & Cask paid by the sd Francis Wright at & before the Ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt hereof and himselfe therwth satisfied contented & paid he doth hereby acknowledge Hath granted bargained & sold aliened transferred Enffeofed & Confirmed And by these presents for himselfe his heires & assignes Doth grant bargaine Sell alien transfer and Enffeofe & Confirme unto the aforesd Francis Wright and to his heires for Ever all the right title Interest possession Claim & demand of him the sd Ralph Briggs of in or to a certaine tract or pcele of Land wheron the sd Ralph Briggs now lives Scituate lying and being in ye pish of Xt Church in ye County of Lancaster in Virginia and bounded as followeth (Vizt) lying & being on ye west side of ye Eastern branch of Carrotomon Begining at a Corner Red oake binding on the Land of Mr. John Tayloe thence down Mr. John Pinkards line to a Cedar Stake drove in to ye ground from thence Right a cross the devident of Land by a line of Cedar Stakes haveing one marked Hiccory in it near to ye former Stake and Soe to the line of Francis Edwards till it come to my head line thence along my hand line binding upon Mr. John Tayloe till it comes to ye Corner Red Oake where it first began being by Estimacon fifty acres more or less the sd pcele of Land being part of a devident of Land formerly belonging to Francis Wright decd Together with all & Singular the houseing out housing fenceing passages way's waters water courses with all woods underwoods & Timber Timber trees to the bargained & Sold premises with all their & Every of their appurtenances belonging or in any

wise appertaining To have and to hold the above bargained and Land & pmises with their & Every of their appurtenances unto the sd Francis Wright his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes for Ever Hee or they Yeilding or paying Quitt Rents from Henceforth growing due to the Rent gatherers And the sd Ralph Briggs doth for himselfe his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes doth warrant the above pmises & Confirme it to ye abovesd Francis Wright his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes for Ever and the Same from time to time the sd Ralph Briggs his heires Extrs admtrs and assignes Shall & will warrant and defend the same from any manner of pson or psons that shall lay claime thereto by from or under him them or any of them and further ye sd Ralph Briggs doth for himselfe his heires Extrs admtrs & assignes that at some time that at Some Court within Six months after the date of these presents he the sd Ralph Briggs with Mary his wife shall Either in pson or by her Lawfull Attorney acknowledge these presents before his Majts Justices in open Court And shall and will at ye reasonable Request Francis Wright or his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes or any of them at any time hereafter shall Execute any Such other act or acts thing or things for ye more sure Conveying further confirming the abovesd pmises wether it be deed or any other Instrumt: of righting which be thought Convenient as he the sd Francis Wright or his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes with the advice of their Counsill well learned in ye Law shall advise him or them unto Provided the sd Francis Wright his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes pay ye cost thereof In wittness whereof both parties have Interchangeably sett their hands & fixed their Seales the day & yeare first above written. The words (& Mary his wife) in ye second line Interlined before assigned

Signed Seled and deliverd
in psence of
Jno Wright
Wm Edwards
Wm Merrideth psig.

Ralph Briggs psig
Mary Briggs psig

Recognitr in Cur Com Lancastr: 11 die Apr Ano Dom 1716 p Ralph Briggs Et Mari suis Uxor Et Recordt

p Jos Tayloe CL

Memd: That this day Livery & Seizin of the lands & pmisses in this deed of Bargaine & sale was given by Ralph Briggs to Francis Wright by delivery of turfe and twigg on part of the pmisses in the name & token of Seisin of all & singular the Lands & Tenemts Comprised in this deed in psence of us the subscribers hereunto

Jno Wright
Wm Edwards
Wm Merrideth psig

Ralph Briggs

Ad Cur pdict

The sd Ralph Briggs Confest the Livery and Seizin Endorsed on this deed

Teste
Jos Tayloe CL"

On April 11, 1716, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 6/134A Ralph Briggs acknowledged his deed to Francis Wright and his wife Mary Briggs relinquished her right of dower:

> "Att this Court Ralph Brigg's acknowledged this deed of bargained & sale to Francis Wright and confessed of Livery of seizin thereof and Mary his wife alsoe relinquished her Dower in the sd Land""

On June 7, 1717, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/92 Ralph and Mary Briggs sold to Charles Wright 35 acres of land:

> "This Indenture made this Seventh day of June in ye year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventeen Between Ralph Briggs & Mary his Wife of ye parrish of Christ church and County of Lancaster of ye one part And Charles Wright of ye parrish & County above Said of the other part Wittnesseth That ye Said Ralph Briggs for divers good causes & Considerascons him thereunto moveing but more Especially for & in Consideracon of ye Sum of two thousand pounds of tobbacco in hand delivered &casque paid by ye Sd Charles Wright att and before the ensealing of these presents the receipt hereof and himselfe therewith satisfyed contented & paid he doth hereby acknowledge Hath granted bargained & Sold aliened transferred enffeofed & Confirmed and by these presents for himself his heirs & assigns Doth grant bargain Sell Alien transfer and Enfeof and Confirm unto the aforesd Charles Wright & his heirs for Ever all ye Right title Interest possession claim & demand of him ye sd Ralph Briggs of in or to a certain tract or parcell of land wheron ye sd Ralph Briggs now liveth Scituate lying & being in ye parrish of Christ church in ye County of Lancaster in Virginia and bounded as followeth Beginning at a Cedar stake standing in line of Mr John Pinkards near to ye mill road Thence down ye Said Pinkards line to a Cedar stake in ye sd line drive into ground thence across ye dividand by a line of Cedar stakes made by ye sd Ralph Briggs & Charles to ye line of Frances Edwards thence up ye sd Edwardses line till itt come to a Corner Cedar stake thence across ye sd land by a line of marked trees to ye Cedar Stake where itt first began being by Estimacon thirty five acres more or less the sd parcell of land being part of a Devidend formerly belonging to Francis Wright decd but now in ye possession of Ralph Briggs Together wth all & Singular the houseing Out houseing fenceing pastures wayes waters water courses wth all woods underwoods timber & timber trees to ye bargained & Sold premisses wth their & every of their appurtenances belonging or in any ways appertaining To

have & to hold the above bargained & sold land & premisses wth their & every of their appurtenances unto ye said Charles Wright his heirs Exctrs Admtrs or assignes forever he or they Yeilding or paying Quit rents from hence forth growing due to ye rent gatherers And ye sd Ralph Briggs doth for himself his heirs Exetrs Admtrs or assignes shall & will warrant to ye abovesd Charles Wright these premisses and Confirm itt to ye abovesd Charles Wright his heirs Exectrs admrs forever And ye same from time to time ye sd Ralph Briggs his heires Exectrs Admtrs or Assignes shall & will warrant & defend ye same from any manner of person or persons that shall lay claime thereto by from or under him them or any of them And farther ye sd Ralph Briggs doth for himself his heirs Exectrs Admtrs Covenant & agree wth the sd Charles Wright his heirs exects admrs & assignes That at Some Court wthin Six months after ye date of these presents he ye sd Ralph Briggs wth Mary his Wife shall either in person or by her lawfull Attorney acknowledge these presents before his Majties Justices in open Court and shall & will at ye reasonable request of ye sd Charles Wright his heirs Extrs admtrs or assignes or any of them at any time hereafter shall Execute any Such other Act or Acts thing or things for ye more sure Conveying & ye further Confirming ye abovesd premisses whether it be by deed or any other Instrumt of writeing wch he thought Convenient as he ye sd Charles Wright or his heirs Extrs admrs or assigns wth ye advise of their Councell well learned in ye law shall advise him or them unto Provided ye sd Charles Wright his heirs Extrs admrs pay ye Costs thereof In wittness whereof both partys have Interchangeably sett their hands & fixed their Seals ye day & year first above written. (Interlined before signing

Signed Seled and deliverd
in presence of

Wm his X mark Meredith

Eliza her M mark Wright

Jno Wright

Ralph his X mark Briggs

Mary W Briggs

Memorandm: That this day Livery & Seizin of ye lands & premisses in this deed of bargain & sale was given by by ye Ralph Briggs to ye sd Charles Wright by ye delivery of turff & twigg on part of the premisses in ye name & token of Seizin of

all & singular ye Land & tenements Comprised in this Deed in presence of us ye Subscribers hereunto

Wm	his X	Meredith	Ralph	his X	Briggs
Eliza	her M	Wriht		mark	
Jno Wright"	mark				

On December 10, 1718, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/110 Ralph Briggs, Francis Wright and his wife Anne of Christ Church Parish, and Charles Wright sold to William Ranken 70 acres of land, part of the land inherited by Francis Wright from his mother Mary (Hill) Wright and sold to Charles Wright and by Charles Wright sold to Ralph Briggs, with John Wright and William Meredith as witness:

"This indenture made the tenth day of December Anno Dni 1718 Between Francis Wright of the parish of Christ Church in the County of Lancaster and Anne his wife Charles Wright of the same planter and Ralph Briggs of the same County planter of the one part and William Ranken of the parish and County aforesaid Tayler of the oyr part Witnesseth that the said Francis Wright Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs for and in Consideration of the sum of four thousand five hundred pound of good merchantable tobacco in casque in hand payed unto the said Francis at and before the ensealing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and for oyr good causes and Cons them the sd Francis Charles and Ralph hereunto moveing Have and each of them hath granted bargained Sold aliened enfeofed released and confirmed and by these presents do and each of them doth grant bargain sell alien enfeofe & confirm unto the said William Ranken his heirs Exers Admrs and asignes forever all that one certain tract or parcell of Land and Containing by Estimation Seventy acres be it more or less being part of a tract of Land Containing three hundred acres which is part of a parcel of Six hundred acres of Land belonging to Elias Edmonds of this County decd and by the said Elias Edmonds by his last Will and testament in writing and Duly proved given unto Walter Heard late of this county all soe decd and by the sd Heard Sold and conveyed by one authentique deed of bargain and sale dated the sixth day of August one thousand six hundred and fifty four unto one John Meredith allso decd and by him the said Meredith sold and assigned unto John Jones by one assignment Endorsed and bearing date the ninth of Aprill one thousand six hundred fifty six and by him the said Jones in his lifetime by deed dated the last of March one thousand six hundred and fifty nine sold and Conveyed unto Charles Hill allso Decd and the said Charles dying intestate the said three hundred acres of Land being the first part of the sd six hundred acres of Land above Specified with oyr Land of the said Hill descended and fell amongst the Daughters of the said Hill in Coparcenership and whereof

was Mary Hill by name since by marriage Mary Wright and mother of the sd Francis Wright and Charles Wright which said Mary allso dying intestate the sd three hundred acres of Land Descended unto and became vested in the sd Francis as the heir at law And fifty acres of the above granted seventy and part of the above mentioned three hundred acres was afterward sold and Conveyed unto the sd Charles by the sd Francis by deed dated the eighth day of March Anno Dom: 1706 and by Endorsement on the back of the sd deed (not acknowledged) assigned by the sd Charles unto the sd Ralph Briggs his heirs Exers admrs and asignes all which Land fifty acres so granted and Assigned as aforesaid and the Said twenty acres granted as aforesaid part of the aforesaid three hundred acres are Scituate in the parish and County of Lancaster aforesaid and are bounded as followeth (To witt) The Said fifty acres part of the hereby granted Seventy acres between the Snare Swamp and the Line of Coll St Leger Codd and the line of Mr Jno pinkard and the pcl(?) which comes from the sd Snare Swamp throgh the old field Towards the Mill and the sd twenty acres ye part of the sd Seventy acres hereby or Intended to be granted lying adjoining unto the now Corn field of the sd Charles Wright in the parish and County aforesaid as by the now marked trees is sett out and all houses out houses orchards gardens wayes paths waters water courses Timber timber trees rights and profitts Emoluments hereditaments and interests in any wayes belonging unto the sd Seventy acres of Land hereby granted or intended to be granted To have and to hold all and Singular the hereby granted Seventy acres of Land and premises with their and every of their rights members and appurts unto the sd William Ranken his heirs and assignes for ever and the sd francis wright Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs do and each of them doth Covenant promise and grant to and with the sd Wm Rawken his heirs Exers and Admrs In manner and form following that is to say that they the sd francis Wright Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs now have or some or one of them now hath in him or themselves good right full power And lawful authority to Grant and Convey All and Singular the above said Seventy acres with the appurts unto the sd Wm Ranken his heires &c: In manner and form aforesaid and that free and clear from all Encumbrances whatsoever and allso that the sd francis Charles and Ralph nor any of them Jointly nor Severally have not at any time nor times heretofore had made or done or Committed or caused or procured to be had made done or committed any act matter or thing whatsoever by reason means or occasion whereof the Estate or Interest hereby granted or intended to be granted can shall or in any wayes may be charged prejudiced or encumbered in ____ charge Estate or otherwise And further the sd Francis Charles and Ralph do Jointly and Severally and for their Joint and severall heirs Exers and Adminrs Covenant promise and agree to and with the sd William Ranken his heirs and Assignes shalle the said William Ranken his heirs Exers Admrs and Assignes from the day of the date hereof Shall peaceably and quietly have hold use occupy possess and enjoy all and Singular the hereby granted premises with the appurts forever without any the lawful lett Suite trouble ____ Ejectione Disturbance or denyall of them the sd Francis Charles and Ralph or any or either of them their any or either of their

heirs Exers or admrs or any other person or persons claiming or to claim by from or and under them any or either of them And the sd francis for himself his heirs Exers and Admrs and every of them doth Covenant promise and agree to and with the sd Wm Ranken his and Assignes that he the sd francis Wright his heirs Exers and Administrators at all times hereafter at the request and at his own charge in the law of the sd Wm Ranken his heirs Exers Admrs or Attorney Shall and will do make acknowledge & hereby Suffer and Execute all and every Such further and other reasonable and ____ act and thing and things Devises and ____ in the law whatsoever for the better and more pfect and Sure makeing of the sd hereby granted premises unto the said William Ranken his heirs and Assignes as by him the sd Ranken his heirs or Assignes his or their Counsell learned in the Law Shall be reasonably desired Advised or required And allsoe that he the sd francis wright his heirs Exers and Admrs and every of them all and Singular the hereby granted Seventy acres of Land and premises with the appurtenances unto him the said William Ranken his heirs Executors administrators foreveer Shall and will warrend And Defend against all persons claiming or to claim whatsoever In witness whereof the partys above said to these psents their hands and Sealls Interchangeably have Sett ____ the day and year abovesd

Seale	Seale
Sigd:	Signd:
Ralph X Briggs	Charles C Wright
Seale	Seale
Sigd:	Sigd:
Anne X Wright	fr W Wright

____ wthin memd of ye within namd Wm Ranken ye sume of four thous: ____ being ye full consideratns within mentioned ____

	his		Francis W Wright
William	X	Meredith	
	mark		

Sealed & delivered in ye psence of us John Wright William X Meredith

Memorandum yt ye day & yeare wtin mentioned livery & sersin by ____ mentioned francis wright & Anne his wife Charles Wright and Ralph Briggs was given of the wtin mentioned Lands and premises unto ye within named William Ranken by the Delivery of turf & twigg upon part of said land in ye name of the whole in the presence of John Wright

Sigd
William X Meredith

Lancaster SS

Att a Court held for Lancaster County the 11th day of Febry Anno Dom 1718 This deed wt ye Livery & Seizin ____ Edward was acknowledged by Thomas Cunlar atto of Ralph Briggs Charles Wright Anne Wright & francis Wright unto Wm Ranken & at ye motion of ye sd Ranken is ordered recorded & is recorded this 21t day of Aprill following

p Wm Dare Clk Cort

Know all men by these presents that I Francis Wright of the of the parish of Christ, Church in the County of Lancaster planter doe stand and am firmly bound unto Wm Ranken of the same parish Taylor in the sume of one hundred pounds Sterling of Good and lawfull money of Great Brittain to be payed to the Said Will: Ranken or his true and ____ Attorney Exer Admrs or assignes to the which payment well and truly to be made & do bind my self my heirs Exers and Admrs firmly by these presents Sealed with my Seale dated this tenth day of December Anno Dom 1718

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound bounden francis Wright his heirs Exers and Admitrs and Assignes and every of them do and shall at all times hereafter and from time to time well and truely observe perform fullfill pay do and keep all and every the Covents grants articles termes(?) provisoes payments & covenants which on his or their parts or behalf are and ought to be observed performed and fulfilled payed done and kept Specified and comprised in one Certain Indentr of feoffmt bearing under date with these presents made beh__ the above bounded francis Wright and Anne his wife Charles wright and Ralph Briggs both of Lancaster aforesaid planters of the one part and the above named William Ranken of the oytr(?) part and yt in att to the trust interest and invoking(?) of the sd Indenture Then this Obligation be void

Sealed and delivered
in the psence of us
John Wright
William X Meridith

Sigd:
Francis W Wright

Lancaster __ Att a Court held for Lancaster County the 11t day of febry Anno Dom 1718 This bond was Acknowledged by Francis Wright unto Wm Ranken and at ye motion of ye sd Ranken is ordered to be Recorded & is recorded this 21t day of Aprill following

p Wm Dare Clk Cort"

Although there is no direct statement in these deeds that Mary Briggs, the wife of Ralph Briggs, was Mary (Wright) Briggs, the multiple transfers and witnessing of deeds all involving the sons of 1690 Francis Wright and Ralph Briggs make it highly probable that Ralph Briggs married Mary Wright, the daughter of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County.

In addition, in their WorldConnect postings Thomas Legocki, Valerie Johnson, and Carolyn Jennings stated that the wife of Ralph Briggs was Mary (____) Briggs. As will be set forth below, Lydia Briggs was a daughter of Ralph Briggs and 1730 John Wright of Goochland County was appointed guardian of Lydia Briggs and left a year old heifer to Lidey Briggs in his will. These pieces of evidence suggest that Mary (____) Briggs was Mary (Wright) Briggs, the daughter of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith, and was the mother of Lydia Briggs, and was the sister of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County.

1. Lydia (Briggs) Parsons, Her Husband Richard Parsons, And Her Descendants

Lydia (Briggs) Parsons was a daughter of Mary (Wright) Briggs and Ralph Briggs. (1690 Francis[1], Mary[2])

Colonial Wills Of Henrico County, Virginia, Part Two, 1737-1781 by Benjamin B. Weisiger stated that on January 7, 1722, at Henrico County, Virginia, Minute Book 1719-1724/225 & 226, the following were recorded:

> "On petition of Robert Hughes (George, son of Ralph Brigs, dec'd, relinquishing his right thereto) he is granted administration of said Ralph Brigs's estate; Stephen Hughes and John Webb, security. Robert Carter, John Bullington, Jacob Michaud and Thos. Edwards to appraise the estate.
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> . . . .
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> George Brigs chooses as his guardian Robert Hughes; Stephen Hughes and John Webb, surety.
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> . . . .
>
> On petition of John Wright, he is appointed guardian to Lydia Brigs; Daniel Thomas and John Saunders, security."

The John Wright of this appointment was almost certainly 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, because as will be set forth below, he made a gift of a cow to Lidey Brigs in his will. The recording of the other two orders regarding the estate of Ralph

Brigs on the same date that John Wright was appointed guardian for Lydia Brigs indicates that Lydia Brigs was probably a daughter of Ralph Brigs and sister of George Brigs.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that in August 1732 at Goochland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 3/110 a summons was issued on behalf of Richard Parsons in the suit of Parsons vs. Davis:

> "On the complaint of Richard Prsons that William Davis hath beat him it is ordered that a capias do yous against this said Davis in the sum of one hundred pounds sterling for his appearance at the next court to answer in the premises"

This record indicates that Richard Parsons was born before August 1711.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that in October 1732 at Goochland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 3/123 the following order was filed:

> "The complaint against William Davis for beating Richard Parsons is dismissed."

In their letter dated May 28, 1993, Al and Grace Kraas enclosed a transcription of the will of George Briggs dated May 29, 1734, probated on August 20, 1734, at Goochland County, Virginia, W.B. 2/5, which provided as follows:

> "In the name of God Amen I George Briggs of the County of Goochland tho weak in body yet perfect memory (Blessed by God) do make this my last Will & Testament as followeth first and principally I desire that all my debts and funeral expenses be punctually paid and discharged
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> Iprimas. I give Devise and bequeath unto my loving Sister Liddy Briggs two hundred sixty two acres of land lying & being scituate on the upper side of Muddy Creek on which I now live with all improvements thereon the aforesaid land to my said sister and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten.
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> Item. I Give to my said sister Liddy Briggs the gray Mare which I am now possest of with a foal by her the said mare and foal to my said sister and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten.
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> Item. I Give the Remainder part of Estate together with all parts parcels remainders and Reserves of Estate claimed by me to my said sister Liddy Briggs whom I do appoint sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament with ____ I desire payment of my debts and I do hereby revoke disown and make void all wills heretofore made by me and desire this to be received by all as my last will

and testament as within is my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and thirty four

his mark George Briggs
Robert R Carter
her mark
Liddy L Briggs
Jereh. Dumas Jun.

At a Court held for Goochland County August 20, 1734

This will was proved by the Oaths of Robert Carter & Jerimiah Dumas Jun. to ____ been Signe_ fo____ian ____ by the direction of George Briggs his Testor with his name and it was thereupon admitted to Record.

Test.
H. Woodson"

This record identifies Liddy Briggs as the sister of George Briggs and, therefore, the daughter of Ralph Briggs and that she was still unmarried on May 29, 1734.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that in August 1734 at Goochland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 3/___ the following order was filed;

"On the motion of Lydia Briggs she is permitted to choose Richard Parsons her guardian who accepts the charge. Ashford S. Hughes and Isaac Hughes offer themselves as securities.

The last will and testament of George Briggs deceased is presented in Court by Richard Parsons guardian to Lydia Briggs the executrix and the same being proved by his oaths of Robert Carter and Jeremiah Dumas Jun to have been signed by Jeremiah Dumas Jun. With the testators name and by his direction it is admitted to record on the motion of the said Richard Parsons Certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of Administration with the will annexed in due form during the minority of the executrix. Ashford Hughes and Isaac Hughes, securities."

This record indicates that Lydia Briggs was born after August 1713 and that Ralph Parsons was born before August 1713.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that on January 30, 1741, at Pattent Deed 20/129 Richard Parsons patented 80 acres of land on the Little Muddy Creek, the north branch of Muddy Creek, in Goochland County, Virginia.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that Goochland County, Virginia, Deeds 1741-1745 by T.L.C. Genealogy listed the following three deeds for Richard Parsons:

On April 22, 1743, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 4/203 Richard Parsons of Goochland County sold to Nicholas Spears 80 acres of land on Muddy Creek in Goochland County on the south side of the James River.

On August 13, 1743, at Goochland County, Virginia D.B. 4/201 Richard Parsons and Lydia, his wife, of Goochland County sold to Nicholas Davies 200 acres of land on Muddy Creek in Goochland County on the south side of the James River. This record indicates that Lydia Briggs had married Richard Parsons before August 13, 1743.

On December 17, 1743, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 4/346 Richard Parsons and Lydia Parsons, his wife, of St. James Parish, Goochland County, sold to John Alexander 200 acres of land in Goochland County on the south side of the James River and the west side of Muddy Creek, constituting one-half of 400 acres of land granted to George Briggs by patent dated June 20, 1733, and which George Briggs devised to his sister Lydia Briggs, alias Parsons. This record clearly identifies Lydia Briggs as the wife of Richard Parsons.

Footprints From The Old Survey Books Of Halifax & Pittsylvania Counties In Virginia by Roger C. Dodson listed the following surveys for Richard Parsons:

1) March 7, 1747, at Halifax County, Virginia, Survey Book 1/114L for 400 acres of land on the branches of Great Cherrystone Creek;

2) March 11, 1747, at Halifax County, Virginia, Survey Book 1/115L for 400 acres of land on the branches of Rock Creek and Sandy Creek; and

3) April 11, 1747, at Halifax County, Virginia, Survey Book 1/17R for 250 acres of land on the branches of Mill Creek of Banister River.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that Lunenburg County, Virginia, Land Patents 1746-1916 by T.L.C. Genealogy listed the following patents for Richard Parsons:

On January 10, 1748, at Patent Deed 28/487 Richard Parsons patented 180 acres of land on both sides of Banister River at the mouth of Rocky Branch.

On January 10,1748, at Patent Deed 28/488 Richard Parsons patented 204 acres of land on both sides of Great Cherrystone Creek.

Footprints From The Old Survey Books Of Halifax & Pittsylvania Counties In Virginia by Roger C. Dodson listed the following surveys for Richard Parsons:

1) On October 19, 1748, at Halifax County, Virginia, Survey Book S/150L for 320 acres of land on the branches of Mill Creek and Middle Creek of Banister River; and

2) On November 2, 1748, at Halifax County, Virginia, Survey Book 1/54L & 151L for 400 acres of land on Great Cherrystone Creek.

The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia by Maud Carter Clement stated that in June 1749 the following court order was filed:

> "It is ordered that a road be laid off and cleared the best and most convenient way from Staunton River to the Mayo Settlement at the Wart Mountain, and it is ordered that Joseph Mayes and all the male Laboring Tithables convenient to the said road forthwith mark off and lay open the best and most convenient way from Staunton River to Allen's Creek and keep the same in repair according to law.
>
> Richard Parsons is appointed surveyor of that part of the New Road leading from Staunton River to the Mayo Settelement at the Wart Mountain, to-wit from Allen's Creek to Banister River.
> . . . ."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that Sunlight On The Southside. Lists Of Tithes, Lunenburg County, Virginia, 1748-1783, by Landon C. Bell listed the following for Richard Parsons:

> "Tax List for 1749 taken by William Caldwell from Falling River to Little Ronoke River
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> Richard Parsons 1
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> Tax List for 1750 taken by William Caldwell from Falling River to Little Ronoke River
>
> Richard Parsons 1"

Halifax County was formed from Lunenburg County on February 27, 1752, and records relating to Richard Parsons appear in Halifax County.

The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia by Maud Carter Clement stated that in March 1753 at Halifax County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1/__ "Richard Parsons and William Adkins were ordered to mark a road from the mouth of Snow Creek to Hickey's Road."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that sometime between 1752 and 1755 at Halifax County, Virginia, Plea Book 1/__ the following order was entered:

> "The petition of Richard Parsons to build a water grist mill is granted, he being proprietor of land on both sides Little Cherry Stone Creek, adjacent to his dwelling house."

Footprints From The Old Survey Books Of Halifax & Pittsylvania Counties In Virginia by Roger C. Dodson stated that on November 17, 1762, at Halifax County, Virginia, Survey Book 1/182 Richard Parsons filed a survey for 285 acres of land on Little Cherrystone Creek.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that Halifax County, Virginia, Deed Books 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 by Marian Dodson Chiarito listed the following deeds for Richard Parsons:

On April 19, 1764, at Halifax County, Virginia, D.B. __/__ Richard Parsons sold to Joseph Parsons 100 acres of land.

On May 14,1764, at Halifax County, Virginia, D.B. __/112 Richard Parsons sold to George Parsons 100 acres of land on Little Cherrystone Creek, land which George then lived on.

On December 18, 1766, at Halifax County, Virginia D.B. __/__ Richard Parsons of Halifax County purchased from Jeremiah and Margate Hatcher 400 acres of land.

On December 18, 1766, at Halifax County, Virginia D.B. __/__ Richard Parsons of Halifax County purchased from Jeremiah and Margate Hatcher 600 acres of land on Little Cherry Stone Creek on the north side of Banister River.

Pittsylvania County was formed from Halifax County on November 6, 1766, and records relating to Richard Parsons appear in Pittsylvania County.

The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia by Maud Carter Clement stated that on June 10, 1767, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Richard Parsons and his son John were listed as tithables:

"A List of Tithes Taken by Theop'l Lacy 10th of June 1767

. . . .

Richard Persons for his son John

. . . ."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that the 1782 Personal Property Tax List for Pittsylvania County, Virginia, listed Richard Parsons.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that the will of Richard Parsons was dated on December 22, 1783, probated at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 11/159, and provided as follows:

> "In the Name of God Amen I Richard Parsons of the County of Pittsylvania being old and weak in body but enjoying my usual reason and memory and calling to mind the mortality of man do make and ordain this my last Will and testament in manner and form following, to wit, First my desire is that my Soul assends and rest with God that gave it and secondly my desire is that my body be decently buried Thirdly I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Hannah Madkiff and her husband Joseph Madkiff one shilling Sterling to them my said daughter Hannah Madkiff and her husband Joseph Madkiff and their heirs forever. Forthly I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Agness Madkiff and to her Husband John Madkiff one shilling Sterling to them my said daughter Agness Madkiff and her husband John Madkiff and their hiers forever. Fifthly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son George Parsons one shilling Sterling to him my said Son George Parsons and his heirs for ever, Secondly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Joseph Parsons one shilling sterling to him my said son Joseph Parsons and his heirs forever, Seventhly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son John Parsons one shilling sterling to him my said son John Parsons and his heirs for ever Eighthly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Samuel Parsons the land whereon he now lives to be divided by a line which my said son Samuel and my son William marked themselves to him my said son Samuel Parsons and his heirs and assignes for ever Ninethly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son William Parsons the land whereon he now lives to be divided as above mentioned to him my said son William Parsons and his heirs and assignes forever Tenthly on the land above mentioned is mortgage for which my son Samuel Parsons is liable to pay said mortgage if he does not then my will is that his part of the land that is to say the land whereon he now lives is to be sold by my executors to off said morgage Eleventhly I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Lydia Yates and her husband Stephen Yates all my Black Smith tools to her my said daughter Lydia Yates and her husband Stephen

Yates to them and their heirs for ever Twevlthly and lastly as I and my wife is now living with my daughter Lydia Yates and her husband Stephen Yates and they using us with the greatest kindness my will and desire is that they the said Lydia and Stephen Yates to have all the remainder of my estate that is to say my cattle and my black mare and also all my household furniture which is now in their possession but not til after my decease and the decease of my Wife. Furthermore I revoke all former wills by me made and do confirm this my last will and testament. I do appoint and constitute my loving sons Joseph and William Parsons executors of this my last will and testament Witness my hand and seal.

Test
John Parks
Samuel Parks
Richard Johnson

Richard (his mark) Parsons SS

At a Court held for Pittsylvania County February the 21, 1785 This last Will and Testament of Richard Parsons deceased was presented in Court and proved by the Oathes of two of the witnesses Hands and by the Court ordered to be Recorded

Teste
Will Turnball(?)"

In her Briggs Family GenForum posting dated September 29, 2003, Rachel Grace stated that Richard Parsons became the guardian of Lydia Briggs and then married her.

In her email dated December 17, 2003, Fay Hoodock stated that in August 1734 Lydia Briggs selected Richard Parsons as her guardian, that Lydia Briggs married Richard Parsons, that on December 17, 1743, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 4/__ Richard Parsons and his wife Lydia sold to John Alexander 200 acres of land on Muddy Creek which had been granted to George Briggs and willed by George Briggs to his sister Lydia Briggs, alias Parsons, that on December 18, 1766, Richard Parsons and Lydia (Briggs) Parsons acquired 600 acres of land on Little Cherrystone Creek, in what became Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and that the will of Richard Parsons was dated on December 22, 1783, and listed the following children:

1) Hannah (Parsons) Midkiff, wife of Joseph Midkiff,
2) Agnes (Parsons) Midkiff, wife of John Midkiff,
3) George Parsons,

4) Joseph Parsons,

5) John Parsons,

6) Samuel Parsons,

7) William Parsons, and

8) Lydia (Parsons) Yates, wife of Stephen Yates.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that the children of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons were the following:

1) Joseph Parsons, born between 1740 and 1750 at Virginia,

2) Hannah (Parsons) Midkiff,

3) Agnes (Parsons) Midkiff,

4) George Parsons,

5) John Parsons,

6) Samuel Parsons,

7) William Parsons, and

8) Lydia (Parsons) Yates.

a. Samuel Parsons, His Wife Rebecca (Farthing) Parsons, And His Descendants

Samuel Parsons was a son of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons. (1690 Francis[1], Mary[2], Lydia[3])

The will of Richard Parsons dated December 22, 1783, and probated on February 21, 1785, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 11/159, listed Samuel Parsons as his son:

> ". . . . Eighthly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Samuel Parsons the land whreon he now lives to be divided by a line which my said son Samuel and my son William marked themselves to him my said son Samuel Parsons and his heirs and assignes for ever. . . ."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that on May 8, 1798, at Land Grants 38/225 Samuel Parsons obtained a land grant for 60 acres of land on the branches of Little Cherrystone Creek in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

Footprints From The Old Survey Books Of Halifax & Pittsylvania Counties In Virginia by Roger C. Dodson stated that on May 11, 1809, at Pittsylvania County,

Virginia, S.B. 2/56 a survey for 57 acres of land on the branches of Little Cherrystone Creek was filed for Samuel Parsons.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that on August 13, 1810, at Land Grants 61/59 Samuel Parsons obtained a land grant for 57 acres of land on the branches of Little Cherrystone Creek in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that on May 20, 1816, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Inventory Book 17/135 administration of the estate of Samuel Parsons, Sr., was granted, that on June 17, 1816, at Inventory Book 17/153 the inventory and appraisement of his estate was filed, that in November 1819 at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Court Order Book 20/256 the following orders were filed:

> "John Parsons is appointed guardian of Joel Parsons orphan of Samuel Parsons, decd with Sm Clark his surety ask bond in the penalty of $100 cond as the law directs.
>
> Dudley Nichols is appointed guardian of Dudley Parsons, orphan of William Parsons who was the son of Samuel Parsons, decd, and with Wm Farthing - his surety asked bond in the penalty of $100 cond as the law directs."

These records indicate that Samuel Parsons had died before May 20, 1816, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and identify two of his sons as William Parsons and Joel Parsons.

In her email dated December 17, 2003, Fay Hoodock stated that Samuel Parsons was a son of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that Samuel Parsons was a son of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons and married Rebecca Farthing on December 21, 1779, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and that Samuel Parsons and Rebecca (Farthing) Parsons had the following child:

1) Mishel (Parsons) Parsons.

b. <u>Hannah (Parsons) Midkiff, Her Husband Joseph Midkiff, And Her Descendants</u>

Hannah (Parsons) Midkiff was a daughter of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons. (1690 Francis[1], Mary[2], Lydia[3])

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that on Hannah Parsons was a daughter of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons and that between 1752 and 1755 at Halifax County, Virginia, Plea Book 1/__ the following order was filed;

> "Alice Allen and Hannah Parsons, spinsters, each acknowledged themselves guilty of having a bastard child, to pay fines of 50s or 500 pounds tobacco at laying the next levy for the Parish of Antrim. Nathaniel Terry became their Surety."

This record indicates that Hannah Parsons was probably born before 1739.

The will of Richard Parsons dated December 22, 1783, and probated on February 21, 1785, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 11/159, listed Hannah Madkiff, the wife of Joseph Madkiff, as his daughter:

> ". . . . Thirdly I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Hannah Madkiff and her husband Joseph Madkiff one shilling Sterling to them my said daughter Hannah Madkiff and her husband Joseph Madkiff and their heirs forever. . . ."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that Hannah Parsons married Joseph Midkiff.

c. Agnes (Parsons) Midkiff And Her Husband John Midkiff

Agnes (Parsons) Midkiff was a daughter of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons. (1690 Francis[1], Mary[2], Lydia[3])

The will of Richard Parsons dated December 22, 1783, and probated on February 21, 1785, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 11/159, listed Agnes Madkiff, the wife of Joseph Madkiff, as his daughter:

> ". . . . Fourthly I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Agness Madkiff and to her husband John Madkiff one shilling Sterling to them my said daughter Agness Madkiff and her Husband John Madkiff and their heirs forever. . . ."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that Agnes Parsons married John Midkiff in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that The History of County Line Baptist Church, Sandy Creek Church of Halifax Co VA by Aubrey M. Keesee, 1930, listed John Midkiff and Agnes Midkiff as members of the church in April 1781.

d. George Parsons And His Wife Anne (Griffeth) Parsons

George Parsons was a son of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons. (1690 Francis[1], Mary[2], Lydia[3])

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that Halifax County, Virginia, Deed Books 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 by Marian Dodson Chiarito stated that on May 14,1764, at Halifax County, Virginia, D.B. __/112 George Parsons purchased from Richard Parsons 100 acres of land on Little Cherrystone Creek, land which George then lived on. This record indicates that George Parsons was born probably before 1746.

The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia by Maud Carter Clement stated that on June 10, 1767, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, George Parsons was listed as a tithable:

> "List of Tithables Taken by Thomas Dillard, Jr., in June 1767
> . . . .
> George Persons
> . . . ."

The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia by Maud Carter Clement stated that in February 1768 at the second meeting of the Vestry the following directions for lay readers was recorded :

> ". . . .Lewis Shelton is ordered to Read at James Faris and at George Parsons. . . ."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that on August 3, 1771, at Patent Book 40/547 George Parsons patented 285 acres of land in Pittsylvania County on the branches of Little Cherrystone Creek.

The will of Richard Parsons dated December 22, 1783, and probated on February 21, 1785, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 11/159, listed George Parsons as his son:

> ". . . . Fifthly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son George Parsons one shilling Sterling to him my said Son George Parsons and his heirs for ever. . . ."

e. Joseph Parsons, His Wives Margaret (Griffeth) Parsons And Sally (Thompson) Parsons, And His Descendants

George Parsons was a son of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons. (1690 Francis[1], Mary[2], Lydia[3])

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The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia by Maud Carter Clement stated that on June 10, 1767, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Joseph Parsons was listed as a tithable:

> "List of Tithables Taken by Thomas Dillard, Jr., in June 1767
> . . . .
> Joseph Persons
> . . . ."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that on May 26, 1773, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.B. 3/272 Joseph Parsons and his wife Peggy sold to James Medcalf 50 acres of land that had been surveyed for Richard Parsons on both sides of Little Cherrystone Creek.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that the 1782 Personal Property Tax List for Pittsylvania County, Virginia, listed Joseph Parsons.

The will of Richard Parsons dated December 22, 1783, and probated on February 21, 1785, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 11/159, listed Joseph Parsons as his son:

> ". . . . Sixthly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Joseph Parsons one shilling Sterling to him my said Son Joseph Parsons and his heirs forever. . . ."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that on July 25, 1801, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.B. 12/349 Joseph Parsons and his wife Margaret sold land to Samuel, David, Benjamin, and John Parsons.

The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia by Maud Carter Clement stated that in 1806 Joseph Parsons filed his affidavit in a dispute over the location of the court househ:

> "In 1806 a very curious dispute engaged the attention of the people of the county regarding the legality of the position of the court house. After the division of Henry and Pittsylvania in Jan. 1777, it was necessary to choose a more central location for the court buildings than the site of Callands, and the Cherrystone Meeting House Spring near the brow of Depot Hill as it does today, but led up the ravine to the north of the hill where are located several springs of good water.
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> As we have seen, the court house was not built for several years owing to the stress of war, and the meeting house was repaired and used as a place for holding court. In 1782 the court building was erected, not in the ravine, but on top of the hill where the residence of the late Judge James L. Tredway now stands, the two-room brick building on the rear lawn being the clerk's office. The court house, a brick structure with tall white columns in front, was built by David Hunt, at a cost of 4,000 pounds of tobacco.
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> Some 25 years later a dispute arose over the legality of changing the location of the court buildings from the bottom to the top of the hill. Feeling in the matter ran very high and the question was finally carried before Legislature, the opposing sides presenting lengthy petition with many signatures attached, and the affidavits of some aged citizens within whose memories the change had taken place. One side was led by William Clark and his friends, claiming the location of the court house to be illegal and unjust, to which was attached the affidavit of Joseph Parsons. He stated that court was first held in the Cherrystone Meeting House within twenty or thirty yards of land now the property of William Clark and very little further from land belonging to Samuel Hughes. "Court continued to hold sessions there until the year 1782, when on the application of Major Johnson, who at that time had become the purchaser of the land whereon the Court House stood, the jail was taken down and moved from six to eight hundred yards into the body of land Johnson owned, and the Court House, which was directed to be built adjacent to the meeting House Spring, was built near the jail, and the applicant never heard any other reason given as to removal of court house other than that to prevent competition, to prevent others of the advantages of that place, as there were two other stands convenient to the court house whilst continued at Cherry Stone Meeting House Spring, and I believe did as much business on public days as the tavern on the Court House land, as they were nearly as convenient to the Court House Spring as the Court House Tavern.
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> 'One of the stands was fixed on the land of William Clark and the other on the land of Sam'l Hughes. I believe a majoity of the Justices favored the C. Meeting House Spring on account of the three tracts of land lying adjoining said spring,

and the middle tract was named to set the buildings on, which gives the other two tracts an equal chance with that of the Court House tract, and Court was established there to give fuller and freer competition at the Court House.

'This affiant always understood that Jeremiah Worsham, who was the proprietor of the land when the C. House was established at Cherrystone Meeting House Spring did give up land for the use of the County for Public Buildings.

'It is a fact unanimously known that the removal of the Court House from the place assigned by law to the place where it was last held has established a monopoly at the Court House, which has caused the most passive members of society to complain of extravagant and enormous charges' Joseph Parsons"

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that the 1810 Personal Property Tax List for Pittsylvania County, Virginia, listed Joseph Parsons, Sr., with one white tithable and two horses.

Marriages of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, 1806-1830 by Kathleen Booth Williams listed the marriage of Joseph Parsons, Sr., and Sally Thompson on August 24, 1824, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, with William Holt as surety. In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price included a copy of the marriage bond:

"Know all men by these presents, That we Joseph Parsons Sr. and William Holt(?) are held and firmly bound unto James Pleasants Jr. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and his successor, in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars: to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents - Sealed with our seals and dated this 24th day of Augt 1824

The condition of the above Obligation is such, That whereas the above bound Joseph Parsons Sr. hath this day obtained a license for his intermarriage with Sally Thompson of Pittsylvania County. - Now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force.

Joseph (his mark) Parsons, Sr. [Seal]
Wm. Holt {Seal}"

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that the 1830 Census for Pittsylvania County, Virginia, listed Joseph Parsons, Sr., with the following household:

Males	Age	Females	Age
1	80-90	1	50-60
		1	20-30

This record indicates that Joseph Parsons, Sr., was born between 1740 and 1750 and that Sally (Thompson) Parsons was born between 1770 and 1780.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that the will of Joseph Parsons, Sr., was dated on January 3, 1826, probated on January 20, 1834, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, W.B. 31/233, and provided as follows:

> "In the Name Of God, Amen, I Joseph Parsons Senr of Pittsylvania County being of Sound Mind though infirm of body do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say, first, I desire to give my soul to God who gave it to me in trust for his use ... Secondly I desire that all my just debts shall be paid out of any part of my Estate. Thirdly, I give the use and possession of my whole estate real and personal to my wife Sarah Parsons for and during her natural life and no longer, and at her death I give the whole of my real estate to my Grand Son Joseph Parsons, Son of my son John Parsons, his heirs and assigs forever and whatever remains of my personal estate at her death, it is my will shall be equally divided among all my children in equal proportions. Lastly, I appoint Thomas H. Wooding Executor of this my last will, hereby revoking all others or former Wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of January 1826
>
> Witnesses: Joseph (X) Parsons
> Tho. Williamson
> John Wooding
> Thomas H. Wooding
>
> At a court held for Pittsylvania County the 20th day of January 1834, this last will and testament of Joseph Parsons, decd was proved by Thomas H. Wooding and John Wooding and ordered to be recorded and Thomas H. Wooding the Executor in said will named refusing to take upon himself the burden of the execution of sd will on motion of John Parsons who made oath thereto according to law and with Dent G. Lovell his security entered into and acknowledged bound in the penalt of one hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs certificate was granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the said estate with the said will annexed in due form
>
> Will Tunstall CC"

This record identifies the family of Joseph Parsons, Sr., as follows:

Wife: Sarah Parsons

Child: John Parsons,

Grandchild: Joseph Parsons, son of John Parsons.

f. John Parsons And His Wife Sarah (Adkins) Parsons

John Parsons was a son of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons. (1690 Francis[1], Mary[2], Lydia[3])

The History of Pittsylvania County, Virginia by Maud Carter Clement stated that on June 10, 1767, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, Richard Parsons for his son John was listed as a tithable:

"A List of Tithes Taken by Theop'l Lacy 10th of June 1767
. . . .
Richard Persons for his son John
. . . ."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that John Parsons married Sarah Atkins or Adkins.

The will of Richard Parsons dated December 22, 1783, and probated on February 21, 1785, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 11/159, listed John Parsons as his son:

". . . . Seventhly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son John Parsons one shilling sterling to him my said Son John Parsons and his heirs forever. . . ."

Footprints From The Old Survey Books Of Halifax & Pittsylvania Counties In Virginia by Roger C. Dodson stated that on November 5, 1778, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, S.B. 1/309 a survey for 284 acres of land on the branches of Tomahawk Creek was filed for John Parsons.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that the will of William Atkins dated on Janaury 22, 1784, and probated on March 15, 1784, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, W.B. 11/136 listed Sarah Parsons as one of his children.

Footprints From The Old Survey Books Of Halifax & Pittsylvania Counties In Virginia by Roger C. Dodson stated that on April 26, 1804, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, S.B. 2/39 a survey for 633 acres of land on the branches of White Thorn Creek was filed for John Parsons.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that the will of John Parsons was probated in June 1808 at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, W.B. 15/226 and listed the following family:

Wife: Sarah Parsons

Children:
1) Eli Parsons,
2) Frederick Gabriel Parsons,
3) Jesse Parsons,
4) William Parsons,
5) Richard Parsons,
6) John Parsons,
7) Leviney Parsons,
8) Sally Parsons, and
9) Lydia (Parsons) Midkiff.

g. William Parsons And His Wife Mary "Polly" (Blanks) Parsons

William Parsons was a son of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons. (1690 Francis[1], Mary[2], Lydia[3])

The will of Richard Parsons dated December 22, 1783, and probated on February 21, 1785, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 11/159, listed William Parsons as his son:

> ". . . . Eighthly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Samuel Parsons the land whreon he now lives to be divided by a line which my said son Samuel and my son William marked themselves to him my said son Samuel Parsons and his heirs and assignes for ever Ninethly I give and bequeath to my well beloved son William Parsons the land whereon he now lives to be divided as above mentioned to him my said son William Parsons and his heirs and assignes forever. . . ."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that the will of Henry Blanks dated on September 15, 1794, and probated on October 20, 1794, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, W.B. 10/73 listed his son-in-law William Parsons and his wife Polly.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that the will of William Parson was dated on February 22, 1818, probated on March 16, 1818, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, W.B. 10/73, and provided as follows:

> "I William Parsons of Pittsylvania County State of Virginia being advanced in life and calling to mind the mortality of the body though at the time of sound and disposing memory do make this my Last Will and Testament as follows viz First I desire that all my just debts shall be speedly and promptly paid Secondly After my debts & funeral expenses are paid I give to my beloved wife Mary Parsons the whole of my Estate both real & Personal or perishable of every kind during her natural life. Thirdly after the decease of my wife I give the whole of my land Viz fifty acres more or less to my Son Richard Parsons and that my unfortunate son Henry shall be supported out of my perishable Estate Agreeable to the will I wish of my wife to each of other children or their heirs of their body. I give One dollar in addition to what I have already given them.
>
> I do hereby constitute & ratify this my last and testament all ____ all others. In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 22nd day of February one-Thousand eight hundrede & eighteen. Also I desire that Richard Jones shall be the whole & Sole Executor of the my Last Will
>
> Signed in the presence of William (x) Parsons
> Will ____
> Richard (x) Parsons
> Molley (x) Farthing
>
> At a Court held for Pittsylvania County the 16 Day of March 1818. The ____ Last will & Testament of William Parsons Decd was presented in Court and proved the Oaths of the three Witnesses thereunto subscribed and ordered to be recorded and Richard Jones the Executor named in Said will refusing to take upon himself the burden of the excution thereof on the motion of Mary Parsons widow of said William who made oath according to sa____ ____ James Barnett, Abner Farthing and Richard Prsons her securities entered into and acknowledged there bond in the Penalty of $500. Conditioned as the Law directs certificate is granted her for obtaining Letter of Administration _____ in due form
>
> Teste
> Will Tunstall __"

This record identifies the family of William Parsons as follows:

Wife: Mary Parsons

Children: 1) Richard Parsons, and

2) Henry Parsons.

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that on December 15, 1806, William Parsons gave a horse to his daughter Elizabeth Farthing.

h. Lydia (Parsons) Yates And Her Husband Stephen Yates

Lydia (Parsons) Yates was a daughter of Lydia (Briggs) Parsons and Richard Parsons. (1690 Francis[1], Mary[2], Lydia[3])

The will of Richard Parsons dated December 22, 1783, and probated on February 21, 1785, at Pittsylvania County, Virginia, D.&W.B. 11/159, listed Lydia Yates, the wife of Stephen Yates, as his daughter:

> ". . . . Eleventhly I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Lydia Yates and her husband Stephen Yates one shilling Sterling all my Black Smith tools to her my said daughter Lydia Yates and her husband Stephen Yates to them and their heirs for ever. . . ."

In her email dated February 22, 2004, Donna Price stated that Lydia Parsons was born in 1758 and that Stephen Yates was born in 1756 and died in 1836 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

2. George Briggs

George Briggs was a son of Mary (Wright) Briggs and Ralph Briggs. (1690 Francis[1], Mary[2])

Colonial Wills Of Henrico County, Virginia, Part Two, 1737-1781 by Benjamin B. Weisiger stated that on January 7, 1722, at Henrico County, Virginia, Minute Book 1719-1724/225 & 226, the following were recorded:

> "On petition of Robert Hughes (George, son of Ralph Brigs, dec'd, relinquishing his right thereto) he is granted administration of said Ralph Brigs's estate; Stephen Hughes and John Webb, security. Robert Carter, John Bullington, Jacob Michaud and Thos. Edwards to appraise the estate.
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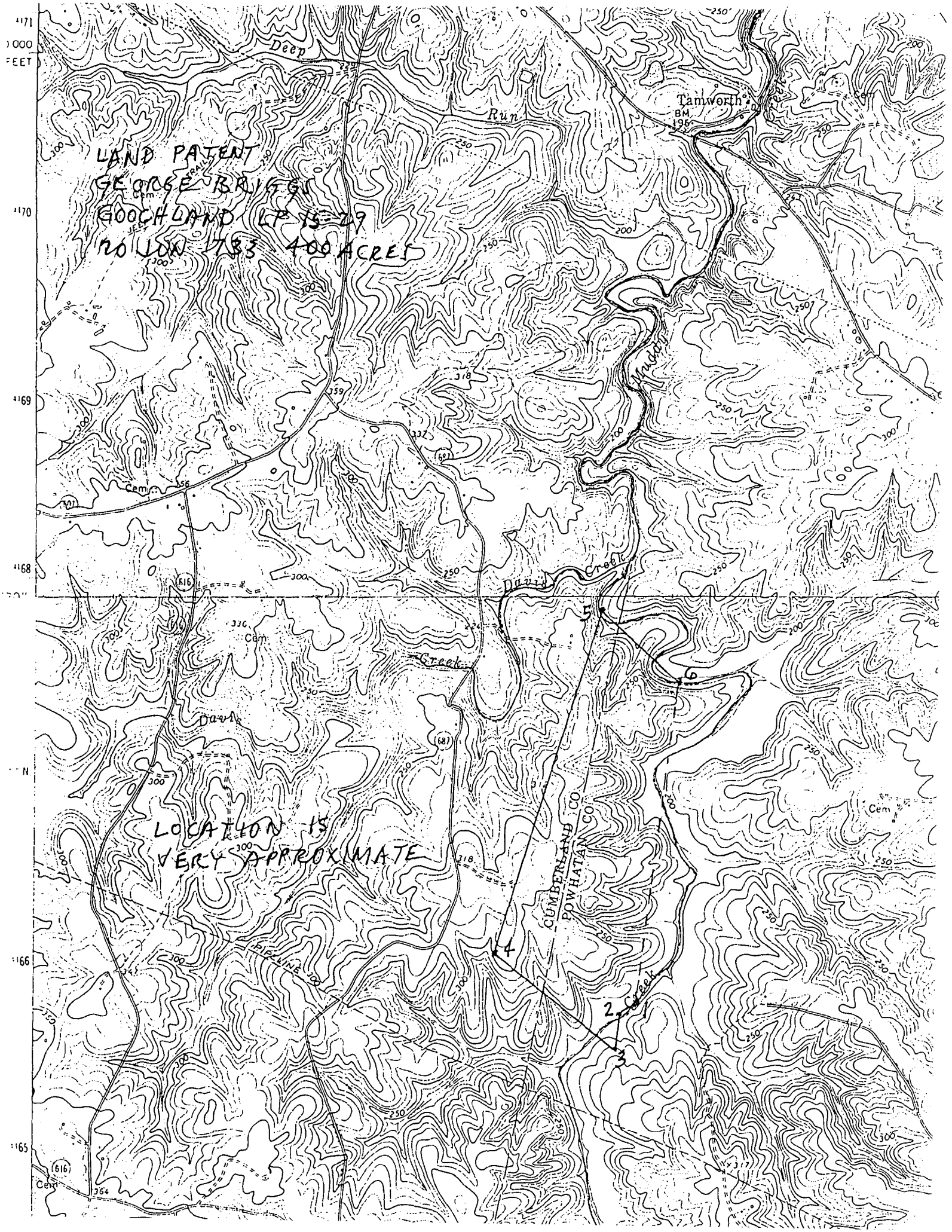
> . . . .
>
> George Brigs chooses as his guardian Robert Hughes; Stephen Hughes and John Webb, surety."

In their letter dated May 28, 1993, Al and Grace Kraas stated that on June 20, 1733, at Patent Deed 15/29 George Briggs patented 400 acres of land on the west side of Muddy Creek and the south side of the James River:

> ". . . .to George Briggs one certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing four Hundred acres Lying and being on the South side James River and on the West side of Muddy Creek in the County of Goochland and bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at a Corner Dogwood of Bowler Cook;s Land thence on his line leaving Muddy Creek West 29 South 10 chains to a corner white Oak still on his line South 15 West 20 chains to a corner black Oak thence North 50 West 80 chains to a corner Poplar and red Oak thence North 17 East 190 chains to a corner near the Deep ____ thence South 50 East 58 chains to a corner on Muddy Creek thence up the Creek following its meanders to the Place began . . . ."

Al Kraas's location of that land is shown on the map on the following page.


LAND PATENT
GEORGE BRIGGS
GOOCHLAND LP 15-29
20 JUN 1783 400 ACRES
Deep
Run
Tamworth
Cem
Davis
Creek
Mudd
LOCATION IS
VERY APPROXIMATE
CUMBERLAND CO
POWHATAN CO
PIPELINE
TRAIL
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The location of this land is near to and southwest of the land patented by 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, as set forth below.

In their letter dated May 28, 1993, Al and Grace Kraas enclosed a transcription of the will of George Briggs dated May 29, 1734, probated on August 20, 1734, at Goochland County, Virginia, W.B. 2/5, which provided as follows:

> "In the name of God Amen I George Briggs of the County of Goochland tho weak in body yet perfect memory (Blessed by God) do make this my last Will & Testament as followeth first and principally I desire that all my debts and funeral expenses be punctually paid and discharged
>
> Iprimas. I give Devise and bequeath unto my loving Sister Liddy Briggs two hundred sixty two acres of land lying & being scituate on the upper side of Muddy Creek on which I now live with all improvements thereon the aforesaid land to my said sister and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten.
>
> Item. I Give to my said sister Liddy Briggs the gray Mare which I am now possest of with a foal by her the said mare and foal to my said sister and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten.
>
> Item. I Give the Remainder part of Estate together with all parts parcels remainders and Reserves of Estate claimed by me to my said sister Liddy Briggs whom I do appoint sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament with ____ I desire payment of my debts and I do hereby revoke disown and make void all wills heretofore made by me and desire this to be received by all as my last will and testament as within is my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and thirty four
>
> his mark George Briggs
> Robert R Carter
> her mark
> Liddy L Briggs
> Jereh. Dumas Jun.
>
> At a Court held for Goochland County August 20, 1734
>
> This will was proved by the Oaths of Robert Carter & Jerimiah Dumas Jun. to ____ been Signe_ fo____ian ____ by the direction of George Briggs his Testor with his name and it was thereupon admitted to Record.
>
> Test. H. Woodson"

This record indicates that George Briggs had probably not married and died between May 29, 1734, and August 20, 1734.

In her Briggs Family GenForum posting dated September 29, 2003, Rachel Grace stated that George Briggs died in June 1734.

D. 1730 John Wright Of Goochland County, His Wife Elizabeth (Meredith) Wright, And His Descendants

1730 John Wright of Goochland County was a son of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith. (1690 Francis[1])

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on January 12, 1698/99, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/59 Francis Wright was granted part of his deceased father's estate in the hands of his mother Mary Lawrence, administratrix of her deceased husband William Lawrence, and similar orders were made for Charles Wright, Mary Wright, and John Wright:

> "Lancaster County Court 12th of January 1698/99
>
> . . . .
>
> Order is granted unto Francis Wright for his part of his deced. Father's Estate in ye hands of his Mother, Mary Lawrence, Administratrix of her deced. Husband, William Lawrence, which is ordered to be paid als Execution
>
> Idem. To Charles Wright, Mary Wright and John Wright"

This record identifies John Wright as one of the children of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on September 14, 1699, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/79 John Wright petitioned the court for the appointment of his mother Mary Lawrence as his guardian:

> "Lancaster County Court 14th of September 1699
>
> . . . .
>
> John Wright petitioning this Court yt Mary Lawrence his Mother may be his Guardian ye same is granted. Joseph Tayloe and George Harward, Security"

This record clearly identifies John Wright as the son of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and Mary (Hill) (Wright) Lawrence and indicates that he was born

after September 14, 1678. Since 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County resided in Lancaster County, Virginia, the place of birth of his son John Wright was probably in Lancaster County, Virginia.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that the 1703 Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, at Ct.O.B. 5/54 listed three John Wrights on November 11, 1703:

"Lancaster County Court 11th of November 1703

. . . .

Levis.

The County of Lancaster being indebted in the sum of 33086 pounds of tobacco it is ordered that a Levie of thirty five pounds of tobacco per Poll be collected by Mr. John Turbervile, High Sheriffe of this County, of and from every Tithable person in this County he haveing given Bond with security to pay ye severall sums to ye severall persons hereafter named (vizt)

. . . .

Tithables in Christ Church Parish

. . . .

John Wright	1

. . . .

Charles Wright	1
John Wright	1
Francis Wright	1

. . . .

John Wright	2

. . . .

Tithables White Chappell Parrish

. . . .

Arthur Write	1

. . . ."

The listing of a John Wright with Francis Wright and Charles Wright indicates that this John Wright was 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, the son of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and brother of Francis Wright and Charles Wright. This record indicates that John Wright was born before June 10, 1687.

Virginia County Court Records, Order Book Abstracts of Lancaster County, Virginia 1656-1706 stated that on June 14, 1705, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 5/126 John Wright filed his receipt for the full part of his father Francis Wright's estate received from his mother Mary Lawrence:

"Lancaster County Court 14th of June 1705

. . . .

July ye 28th 1705

Then received of Mary Lawrence full satisfaction for ye within Order of Court as my full part of my deced Father, Francis Wright, his Estate

John Wright

Recorded ye 28th day of July 1705

Jos: Tayloe, Cl."

This record indicates that John Wright had attained age 21 and was, therefore, born before June 14, 1684.

On March 8, 1706/07, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/225 John Wright acted as a witness on a deed for 50 acres of land from Francis Wright of Christ Church Parish to his brother Charles Wright, land that descended from Charles Hill to his daughter Mary (Hill) Wright, the mother of Francis and Charles Wright, and from Mary (Hill) Wright to Frances Wright as her heir.

On June 10, 1707, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/230 John Wright acted as a witness to a deed from Francis Wright to Frances Edwards for 100 acres of land.

On August 19, 1710, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/324 William Merridith recorded for his grandson Meredith Wright a young mare filly and Charles Wright gave a two year old heifer to Merridith Wright:

"Augt. 19th 1710. Wm: Meridith records for my Grandson, Merridith Wright a young Mare fillie which is to be branded wth: ____ which is ____

Recordr
Jos: Tayloe, Clk

Charles Wright gives to ye sd. Merridith Wright a two yeare old Heifer marked wth: two crops & one over keele wth: all its encrease.

Recordr
Jos: Tayloe, Clk"

As will be set forth below, Meredith Wright was a son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County and was born after March 14, 1708/9. The Meredith Wright of this

record would, therefore, be that son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County and his wife Elizabeth (____) Wright and this record indicates his mother as Elizabeth (Meredith) Wright, daughter of William Meredith. This record also indicates that John Wright and Elizabeth Meredith were married probably between 1705 when he received his estate from his mother and 1709, the year before his son Meredith was born, and most probably about 1707 or 1708. However, as set forth above, on November 11, 1706, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/186 Mary (Hill) (Wright) Lawrence conveyed property to Joseph Tayloe in anticipation of her marriage to William Meredith. Therefore, this gift deed from William Meredith to Meredith Wright might be a gift to a step-grandson rather than to a natural grandson. The naming of the grandson as Meredith Wright indicates that this was a gift to a grandson named for the grandfather and reflecting the maiden name of the mother. Finally, it seems more probable that widowed parents of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County and Elizabeth (Meredith) Wright married than that a step-grandfather made a valuable gift to his step-grandson. The result of this is that the maiden name of Elizabeth (____) Wright was very probably Meredith.

On January 11 and 12, 1713/14, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/458 and 9/459 Francis Wright and his wife Anne of Christ Church Parish conveyed 50 acres of land by lease and deed of release to John Wright of Christ Church, carpenter, with Charles Wright as witness:

> "This Indenture made the Eleventh day of Janry one thousahd seven hundred & thirteen Between Francis Wright of the prish of Christ Church in the County of Lancaster of the one partie and John Wright of the sd prish & County of the other part Wittnesseth That the sd Francis Wright for and in Consideration of five shilg of Lawful money of England to me in hand paid by the sd John Wright whereof I doe hereby acknowledge the receipt Hath Bargained and Sold and doe by these presents bargaine & sell unto the sd Jno Wright his heires Exers Admrs or assignes all that pcell or peice of Land beginning at a Corner White Oake standing on ye marsh belonging to fishing Creeke from thence up a long Mr John Pinkards line to a Cedar stake drove into the ground thence by a line of Cedar stakes and marked trees to one Frances Edwards line from thence Down the sd Edwards line til(?) it come to the head line of Mr: Elias Edmonds from thence along the sd head line of the sd Edmonds to ye Corner White Oake Wherein first began the sd peice of Land Containing fifty acres more or less scituate in ye prish of Xt Church & County of Lancaster and al the Lower End of a devident of

Land where the sd Francis Wright now lives bounded as above with all houses & out houses Edifices gardens Orchards fences woods wayes waters & water Courses priviledges & Comodities wsoever to the sd pcele or peice of Land and all & Singular the premisses afresd and to Every part & pcele thereof or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainder & remainders Rents issues & profits Rents issues & profitts & all & Singular the Estate right & title Benefit property Claims & demand whatsoever of him the sd Francis Wright of in & to ye sd Land or any part or pcele thereof To have and To hold the pmisses aforsd and Every part and prcell ther of hereby granted bargained & sold unto the sd John Wright from ye day of the date hereof for & dureing and untill the full End and tenure of one whole yeare next Ensuing and fully to be compleated and Ended yeilding and paying therfore the rent of one Ear of Indian Corne on the feast day of the Birth of our Lord next Ensuing if Lawfully demanded to the sd Intent & purpose that by Virtue of these presents of the Statute for transferring uses into possession the sd John Wright may be in the actual possession of the premisses and be therefore Enabled to accept a deed of grant of the Reversion and Inheritance thereof In wittness Whereof the pties above named hath Interchangeably set their hands & affixed their seales the day & year first above written.

Signed Sealed and deli-		Francis Wright	Sig
vered in presence of		Anne Wright	Sig
Charles Wright	P Sig		
Peter Kilegore	P Sig:		
Wm Chapple	P sig		

Recognzd in Cur Court Lancastr 14th dei Jany ano dom 1714 p Fr: Wright Is Record

Jos Tayloe CL"

"This Indenture made the twelfth day of Jany one thousand seven hundred and thirteen Between Francis Wright and Anne his wife of the prsh of Xt Church in the County of Lancaster of the one partie and John Wright of the sd prsh & county of the other partie Wittnesseth that the sd Francis Wright and Anne his Wife for and in consideracon of three thousand pounds of merchantable tobacco to him in hand paid att ye Ensealing & delivery of these presents by the sd John Wright the receipt whereof the sd Francis Wright doth hereby acknowledge therewith satisfied by these presents hath Granted bargained sold remised released & Confirmed and by these presents Doth fully & absolutely Grant Bargain sell remise release & confirme unto the sd John Wright in his Actual possession now being by virtue of a bargaine & sale to him thereof made for one whole yeare by Indenture bearing date the day before the date of these presents of and by force of a Statute for transferring Uses into possession and to his heires & assignes for Ever all that prcell or peice of Land containing about fifty

acres more or Less Begining att a Corner White oak Stand on the Marsh belonging to fishing Creeke from thence up a long Mr. John Pinkards line to a Cedar Stake drove into ye ground thence by a line of Cedar stakes & marked trees to Mr. Francis Edwards line from thence down the sd Edwards line till is come to the head line of Mr Elias Edwards from thence along the sd head line of the sd Edwards to the place wherein first began the sd fifety acres of Land scituate lying & being in the prsh of Christ Church in the County of Lancastr and now in the tenure & occupacon of the sd John Wright bounded as above the sd peice of land being part of a divident of land formerly belonging to my father Francis Wright decd wch came to mee by right Inheritance from him my sd father with all & singular its rights members & appurtenances together with all houses Edifices buildings orchards Gardens woods & underwoods wayes waters & water courses advantages profits Emolumts Heriditamts & appurtenances whatsoever to the sd pcell or peice of Land & pmisses or to any part or pcell thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions remainder & remainders rents Issues & profitts of all and singular the before mentioned pmisses and Every part & pcell thereof and allsoe all the right title and Interest ____ property claim and demand whatsoever of him the sd Francis Wright & Anne his wife To have and to hold the sd pcell or peice of Land and all & Singular the pmisses hereby granted bargained sold remissed released & Confirmed as mentioned to be hereby granted bargained & sold & Every part & pcell thereof with their and Every of their appurtenances unto the sd John Wright his heirs Extrs admtrs or assigns for Ever more to be holden of the Cheife Land or Lands of the fee or feif of the pmisses by the Duty & services for the sum due & of right accustomed to be paid and the sd Francis Wright for himselfe his heirs Exrs & Admitrs and for Every of them doe Covenant promise and agree to and with the sd John Wright his heires Exctrs admtrs and assignes and to and with Every & Either of them by these presents In manner & form following (vizt) That ye sd Francis Wright att the time of the Ensealing & delivery of these presents (for and notwithstanding any act or acts thing or things done to ye Contrary by him) hath in himselfe good right full power lawful & absolute authority to grant bargain Sell remise release & Confirm the sd pcell or peice of and all and singular the pmisses aforesd & Every part & pcell thereof with the appurtenances unto the sd John Wright his heirs Excts Admtrs or assignes and that the sd pcell or peice of Land & pmisses aforesd & Every part & pcell thereof with ye appurtenances now are & be and doe from time to time and att all times hereafter shall remaine Continue and be use(?) to the sd John Wright his heirs Extrs admrs or assignes free & cleer & freely & cleerly acquitted Exonerated and discharged as other wayes sufficiently saved harmless & kept Indempnified the sd Jno Wright his heires Extrs or assignes of and from all other former gifts bargaines grants sales leases joyntures Dowers & titles of Dower statutes Recognizances Judgmts forfeitures & Execucons and of and from all other titles trouble Charges & Incumbrances whatsoever had made comitted done or suffered to be done by him the sd Francis Wright his heires Extrs or any other prson or prsons whatsoever lawfully claimeing or to claime by from or under him

or them by their or Either of their Estate or Estates and the sd Francis Wright his heires Extrs & Admrts shall & will warrant the sd pcell or peice of Land & pmisses aforesd and Every part & pcell thereof hereby granted bargained & sold remised released & confirmed unto the sd John Wright his heires Extrs or agt all person or psons whatsoever shall & will at all time & times hereafter warrant & defend by these presents and that the sd Francis Wright his heirs Extrs & admtrs shall & will from time to time and att all times hereafter upon any the reasonable request of the sd Jno Wright his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes within the space of ten yeares next Comeing make doe or suffer to be done all and Every such act & acts thing or things device or devices Conveyance or assurance for ye further strengthening more sure & pfect makeing & Conveying of the sd hereby granted pmisses unto the sd Jno Wright his heires Excts admtrs or assignes as his or their Council Learned in ye Law shall devise advise or require the same be done att ye Costs & charges of the sd John Wright his heires Excrs &c In Witness whereof the above mentioned parties hereunto hath Interchangeably sett their hands & afixed their seales the day & year first above Written

Signed sealed & deli-	Sig
vered in presence of	Francis Wright
Charles Wright Sig:	Sig
Peter Kilgore Sig:	Anne Wright
Wm Chapple Sig:	

Recognized in Cur. Cort Lancaster 12t die Janry ano Dom 1713 p Fr: Wright et Recordr

p Jos Tayloe CL

memrd att ye sd Court Ann Wright refused to relinquish her dower

Test
Jos Tayloe Copied"

On January 8, 1713/14, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/461 John Wright, carpenter, purchased 50 acres of land from Peter and Elizabeth Kilgore, land which had formerly belonged to Ralph Briggs:

"This Indenture made the Eighth day of Jany in ye yeare of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred & thirteen and in the thirteene yeare of the Reigne of our Sovr: Lady Anne by the grace of God of England Scottland France & Ireland Queen defender of the faith Between Peter Kilgore of the County of Lancaster planter of the one part And John Wright of the sd County Carpenter of the other part Wittnesseth That ye sd Peter Killgore for divers good Causes & Considerations him thereunto moveing but more Especially for and in Consideration of four thousand pounds of tobacco in hand delivered and Casque

paid by the sd John Wright att & before the Ensealing & delivery of these presents the receipt hereof and himselfe therewith satisfyed contented & paid he doth hereby acknowledge Hath granted bargained & sold aliened transferred Enfeoffed & Confirmed and by these presents for himselfe his heires & assignes Doth grant bargaine sell alien transfer Enfeoffe & Confirme unto the sd John Wright and to his heirs for Ever all the right title Interest possession Claime and demand of him the sd Peter Killgore of in or to a Certaine tract or parcele of Land Wheron Ralph Briggs did formerly live but now in the possession of the sd Killgore scituate lying & being in ye pish of Xt Church in ye County of Lancaster in Virga and bounded as followeth (vizt) lying and being on the west side of the Eastern branch of Carrotone: begining att a poplar standing by a marsh side known by the name of Snare Swamp marsh from thence running up the sd Marsh & swamp till it comes to the Land of the sd Jno Wright from thence running East north East by marked trees down the sd line to a hiccory standing above six or seven foot out of the sd line from thence running south through the devidend by a line of marked trees & Cedar Stakes drove into ye ground made by the sd Killgore and Wright to the sd poplar wherein first began being by Estimacon fifty acres more or less which sd Land is part of a patent belonging to Wm Edmonds the remainder whereof is now in the possession of Elias Edmonds son of the sd Wm Durand and by him the sd Wm Edwards in his life time sold to Alexander Reed and the sd Alexdr Reed by his last Will and Testamt in writeing deed the 22th day Febry 1669 and duely proved and Recorded in ye County aforesd given and devised to his daughter Anne Reed to her and to her heires for Ever and decended to the sd Peter Killgore asson & heire to the sd Anne Reed together with all & singular the housing out housing fencing passages waters wayes with all woods timber trees to ye bargained & sold pmisses with all their & Every of their appurtenances belonging or in any wise appertaining To have and to hold the above bargained & sold Land & pmisses with their & Every of their appurtenances unto the sd John Wright his heires Extrs Admtrs or assignes for Ever he or they yielding or paying Quittrents from henceforth growing due to ye Re__ gatherers And the sd Peter Killgore doth for himselfe his heirs Exctrs or admitrs & assignes doth warrant the above pmisses & Confirme it to ye above sd John Wright his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes for Ever and the same from time to time the sd Peter Killgore his heires Extrs admitrs & assignes shall & will warrant & defend the same from any manner of person or persons that shall lay Claime thereto by from or under him them or any of them And further the sd Peter Killgore doth for himself his heires Extrs admtrs Covenant & agree with the sd John Wright his heires & assignes That at some Court within six months after the date of these presents he the sd Peter with his Wife Elizabeth shall Either in pson or by Attor. acknowledge these presents before his Majties Justices in open Court and shall & will at the reasonable request of the sd John Wright or his heires Extrs admtrs or assignes or any of them att any time hereafter shall Execute any such other act or acts thing or things for ye more sure Conveying and the further Confirming the above sd pmisses wether it be deed or any other Instrument or writeing which he thought be Convenient as he

the sd Jno Wright & his heires Extrs Admtrs or assignes with advise of their Councile well learned in ye Law shall advise him or them unto provided the sd John Wright or his heires Extrs Admitrs or assignes pay the costs hereof In Wittness whereof both parties have Interchangeably set their hands and vixed their seales the day & yeare first above written

Signed Sealed & deliv-
ered in psence of
Charles Wright Sig
Wm Chapple Sig
Francis Wright Sig

Peter Killgore
Elizth Killgore

Jany 13th 1713

Memrd That this day Livery & seizin of the Land & pmisses in this deed of bargaine & sale was given by Peter Killgore to Jno Wright by delivery of Turf & twigg on part of the pmisses in the name & token of seizin of all & singular the Lands & tenemts conveyed in this deed in psence of us the subscribers hereunto

Isaac Rowden
fr Wright Sig
Charles Wright Sig

Peter Killgore

Recognised in Cur Cort Lancaster 10t die March ye Ano Dom 1713 p Peter Killgore Ex Elizabeth ____ Recordr ____

Know all men by these presents that I Peter Killgore of ye County of Lancastr: & Pish of Xt Church planter am holden and firmly doe stand bound unto John Wright of the pish & County aforesd Carpenter the sum of ten thousand pounds of good sound merchantable tobacco to be paid unto the sd John Wright his Certaine attorney his heires Extrs Admtrs or assignes whosoever to ye which payment well & truely to be made I doe hereby bind my selfe my heires Extrs & Admtrs firmly by these presents sealed with my seale & dated this 18th day of Febry 1713

The Condition of this Obligacon is such That if the above bounden Peter Killgore his heirs Extrs or admtrs & Every of them shall for his & their parts & behalfes now att all times for Ever hereafter observe performe fulfill & keep all & Every the articles & paragraphs clauses Condicons & provisoes on his her & their parts to be performed fulfilled & kept menconed & comprised in a Certaine Indenture of bargaine & sale for fifty acres of Land more or less scituate in Lancaster County made by the sd Peter Killgore to the sd Jno Wright & which deed bears date ye Eighth day of Janry one thousand seven hundred & thirteen and finally shall from time & at all times hereafter save defend & keep harmless & possession of the

sd Land & pmisses That then this obligation shall be void & of none Effect or Else to be & remaine in full force strength of Virtue

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us Joseph Tayloe Franc Lawden Ralph Briggs Sig: Peter Killgore

Recognised in Cot Cort Lancaster 10t die March ano Dom 1713 p Peter Killgore Et Recordr

p Jos Tayloe CL"

As will be set forth below, the description of John Wright as a carpenter in this deed is one factor in the identification of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter), who was also a carpenter, as the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County.

On December 15, 1713, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/477 John Wright acted as a witness to the deed from Francis Wright and Anne Wright to Ralph Briggs.

On January 14, 1713/14, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 6/38B Francis Wright acknowledged his deed to John Wright, but Francis Wright's wife Anne Wright refused to relinquish her dower interest:

"Att this Court Fr Wright acknowledged a Deed of Lease & Release of Land to Jno Wright wch at ye pray of said John is Ordered to be Recorded. Anne Wright the wife of ye sd Fr ___ Wright refused to Relinquish her Dower."

On November 6, 1714, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/516 John Wright, carpenter of Lancaster County, and Elizabeth Wright conveyed in trust to Joseph Tayloe 50 acres of land for the benefit of Nicholas and Anne Terkelson:

"This Indenture made this sixth day of November in the third year of the reigne of ye reigne of our Sovr. Lady Anne Queen of great Britain france & Ireland defender of the faith &c and in ye year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and fourteen Between John Wright of the pish of Xt Church and County of Lancaster Carpenter of ye one part and Joseph Tayloe of the pish of Xt Church & County aforesd of the other part Witnesseth that ye sd John Wright for and in Consideracon of the sum of four thousand pounds of good lawful tobacco Casque to him in hand paid or secured to be paid the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and of every part & pcell thereof Doth acquitt Exonerate & discharge the sd Joseph Tayloe his heires Exctr admrs Hath given

granted bargained sold aliened Enfeofed & Confirmed And by these presents Doth give grant bargaine sell alien Enfeofe & confirme unto the sd Joseph Tayloe to ye uses Intents & purposes hereafter menconed one certaine tract or pcell of Land scituate lying & being in the pish and County aforesd and bounded as follows (vizt) Lying and being on the west side of Ca_tonion River Begining att a poplar standing by a marsh side Known by the name of Snare swamp marsh from thence running up the sd marsh swamp till it comes to the Land of the sd John Wright from thence running East with _____ by marked tree down the sd Line to a hiccory standing about six or seven foot out of the sd line from thence running South through the devident by a line of marked trees & Cedar Stakes drove into ye ground made by Peter Kilgore and the sd Wright to the sd poplar where it first began being by Estimation fifty Acres more or less wch sd Land is part of a Pattent granted to Elias Edmonds; And by the said Elias Edmonds by his last will & Testamt in writeing dated ye 4th day of febry 1658 given to his son & heire Wm Edmonds and by him the sd Wm Edmonds sold unto Alexandr Reed and by the sd Alexdr by his last will & Testamt in writeing given & devised to his daughter Anne Reede to her and her heires forever wch sd Anne dying Intestate the sd Land descended to ye sd Peter Kilgore a son & heire to the aforesd Anne and by the sd Peter Kilgore sold & assigned unto the above named John Wright party to these presents and to his heires & assignes for Ever all wch Wills & deeds have been duly proved and acknowledged in ye County aforesd as by the sd Wills & deeds of bargaine & sale relation being thereunto had may more fully & att large appeare. And all and singular the rights profits & Emolumnts heriditants members and appurtenances with all Edifices gardens Orchards pastures & Enclosures with all woods underwoods Timber and Timber____ Wayes waters & water Courses and other advantages in any wise belonging or appertaining to the sd fifety acres of Land or any part or pcell thereof as all deeds writeings Receipts & _____ wch ye sd John Wright now hath in Custody or can come by without Suit in Law that any wayes concern the said fifety acres of Land hereby bargained & sold To have and to hold the sd fifety acres of Land be the same more or less within the bounds above mentioned to him the sd Joseph Tayloe with this trust & Confidence nevertheless that it shall & may be Lawfull To and for Nicholas Terkleson and Anne his wife to have hold Occupie possess & Enjoy all and singular the hereby bargained & sold Land & pmisses with their appurtenances & Every part & pcell thereof without Impeachmt: of his ____ for and dureing their natural lives or the Longer liver of them provided she Survives & lives a wido. But if otherwise she to Enjoy but her Dower and the remaindr or reversion thereof to be to Tark____ Tarkleson son of the sd Nicho Tarkleson and to his heirs & assignes forever and to noe other use Intent or purpose whatsoever And the sd John Wright doth for him selfe his heires Extrs and admtrs further Covenant & grant to & with ye sd Joseph Tayloe that he the sd John Wright now Att ye time of ye Ensealeing & delivery of these presents hath in himselfe good right full power Lawful and also _____ and hereby to grant & Convey ye sd fifety acres of Land & prmisses with their appurtenances unto the sd Joseph Tayloe to ye uses aforesd and the same in

manner aforesd Shall & will warrt & defend to ye uses afores.d against the Lawful claime of any pson or psons whatsoever subject nevertheless to ye Quitt Rents that Shall hereafter grow due and payable to the Chief Lord or Lords of the fee or fees of the prmises by the rents & services hereafter growing due & of right hereafterwards to be paid And the sd John Wright doth further Cvent: & agree for himselfe his &c to and with the sd Joseph Tayloe that ye sd Land & pmises hereby bargained & Sold is free and Clear and freely & clearly acquitted Exonerated & discharged of and from all former or other gifts grants bargains sales leases Joyntures Dowers & Titles of Dower Statutes Recognizances Judgmts & Execucons & all arrearges of Quitrents had made Comitted suffered or done or to be had made comitted sufered or done by the sd Jno Wright his heires & assignes or any other pson or psons whatsoever claiming by from or undr him them or any of them And the sd John Doth further agree that at ye reasonable request and Att ye proper cost & Charges in the Law of them the Nicho Tarkleson & Ann his wife and the sd Tarkle Tarkleson his heires & assignes That att any time within seven yeares from and after the date of these presents the sd Jno Wright his Excrs admtrs shall make doe suffer Levie & Execute all or any such further act or acts thing or things device or devices in ye Law for the more Sure & pfect makeing & Conveying the sd Land & pmisses to ye uses above mentioned as by his or their Councill in the Law shall be reasonably devised advised or required and finally ye ye sd John Wright & Elizabeth his wife shall acknowledge the same in open Court according to due forme of Law and allsoe confess Livery & Seizin thereof In Witness whereof the parties to these presents hath hereunto interchangeably set their hands & seals the day & yeare above written

Signed Sealed & delivered John Wright
in psence of
Wm Merrydith p sig:
Peter Killgore p sig:
Luke McDonnald p sig:

November 6th 1714
Memrd

That this day (to witt) ye day & yeare aforesd Jno Wright delivered possession of the Lands Comprised in this deed of bargaine & sale (made in Trust to ye uses therein mentioned) Unto Joseph Tayloe trustee for ye sd Tarkleson by the delivery of turf of twigg to ye sd Joseph Tayloe in ye name & token of seizin this done in psence of us Wm Merridith Peter Kilgore Luke McDonnold

Recogned in Cur Com Lacastr decimo die nov___ ano Dom 1714 p Johan Wright
Et Recognzt nono die _____ Sequend p Elizth Wright uxor Johan Wright

Test

Jos Tayloe CoL

Recorde p Jos Tayloe Co____

Know all men by these presents That I John Wright of the pish of Xt Church & County of Lancaster am holden & Stand firmly bound & indebted unto Joseph Tayloe of the County & pish aforesd or his assignes in the sum of Eight thousand pounds of good Legal tobacco & Caske to wch paymt well & truely to be made & done I bind myself my heires Excrs admtrs firmely by these presents sealed with my seale and Euted this tenth day of November 1714

The Condicon of this Obligacon is such that whereas the above bounded John Wright hath sold unto the above named Joseph Tayloe in trust for Nicho Tarkleson & Anne his wife and Tarkle Tarkleson ye qt of fifety acres of Land lying in Lancaster County as by the deed of bargaine & sale for the same wch appeare now if the sd. John Wright his heires Extrs Admtrs now and Att all times for Ever hereafter shall well & truely for his & their parts Observe pforme fullfill accomplish & keep all and singular the Articles clauses Agreemts & provisoes on his & their parts to be observed pformed fullfilled accomplished & kept mentioned and Comprised in one Indenture of bargaine & sale for the same with Livery & Seizin thereon Endorsed beareing date the sixth day of november 1714 And shall acknowledge the same in open Court before her Majts Justices within ye time Limitted by Law for the same without Covin fraud or further delay That then this Obligation shall be void and of none Effect or Else to be and remaine in full force strength & virtue

Signed Sealed & delivered John Wright
in psence of
Wm Dare
Thos Thompson

Recognit in Cur Com Lancaster decimo die Novbris Ano Dom 1714 p Johan Wright Et Recordt

Jos Tayloe CoL"

On November 12, 1714, at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 6/77 John Wright acknowledged his deed to Joseph Tayloe:

"Att a Court held for Lancastr County the 12th day of November Ano Dom 1714 present Majesties _____

. . . .

Att this Court Jno Wright acknowledged his deed to Jos. Tayloe in trust for Richd Teolliver(?) &c"

The Lancaster County, Virginia, site at www.rootsweb.com/~valancas/1716tiths.html listed the November 14, 1716, Tithe List for Lancaster County, Virginia, which included the following listings in Saint Maryes White Chappell Parish as taken from Willam and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, Vol. 21, No. 2, October 1912, page 106:

"Jno Wright 1
. . . .
Frank Wright 1"

The John Wright of this record would be John Wright, the son of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County, and the Frank Wright would be his brother Francis Wright.

On February 10, 1714/15 at Lancaster County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 6/83 Elizabeth Wright, the wife of John Wright, relinquished her dower in the land sold to Joseph Tayloe:

> "Att a Court held for Lancast County the tenth day of Feby 1714 Present
> . . . .
> Att this Court Elizabeth Wright the wife of John Wright _____ comes into Court & relinquishes her dower in the land sold by her husband to Joseph Tayloe in trust for Nicho Terkleson of life & ye remainder in fee to his son _____ &c"

On December 10, 1718, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/110 John Wright acted as a witness to a deed for 70 acres of land from Charles Wright, Francis Wright and his wife Anne of Christ Church Parish, and Ralph Briggs to William Ranken, land that was part of the land inherited by Francis Wright from his mother Mary (Hill) Wright and sold to Charles Wright and by Charles Wright sold to Ralph Briggs. This record indicates that John Wright resided in Lancaster County until at least 1718. No further records are found for this John Wright in Lancaster County and the next record for him is found in Henrico County.

On January 7, 1722/23, at Henrico County, Virginia, Minute Book 1719-1724/226 John Wright was appointed guardian of Lydia Brigs:

> "On petition of John Wright, he is appointed guardian to Lydia Brigs; Daniel Thomas and John Saunders, security."

This was almost certainly 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, because as will be set forth above, he made a gift of a cow to Lidey Brigs in his will. This record indicates

that 1730 John Wright had moved from Lancaster County to Henrico County sometime between 1718 and 1722.

Colonial Wills Of Henrico County, Virginia, Part Two, 1737-1781 by Benjamin B. Weisiger stated that on January 7, 1722, at Henrico County, Virginia, Minute Book 1719-1724/225 & 226, the following were recorded:

> "On petition of Robert Hughes (George, son of Ralph Brigs, dec'd, relinquishing his right thereto) he is granted administration of said Ralph Brigs'sestate; Stephen Hughes and John Webb, security. Robert Carter, John Bullington, Jacob Michaud and Thos. Edwards to appraise the estate.
>
> . . . .
>
> George Brigs chooses as his guardian Robert Hughes; Stephen Hughes and John Webb, surety."

As set forth above, the recording of these orders on the same date that John Wright was appointed guardian for Lydia Briggs indicates that Lydia Briggs was a daughter of Ralph Briggs and sister of George Briggs. As set forth above, Mary Wright, the daughter of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and the sister of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, probably married Ralph Briggs.

On February 1, 1727, Goochland County was formed from Henrico County and further records regarding 1730 John Wright are found in that county.

On August 4, 1725, John Wright witnessed the will of William Runals that was probated on June 16, 1730, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 1/194.

In August 1728 at Goochland County, Virginia Ct.O.B. 1/20 John Right recovered £1 6s 11p from Richard Wilson:

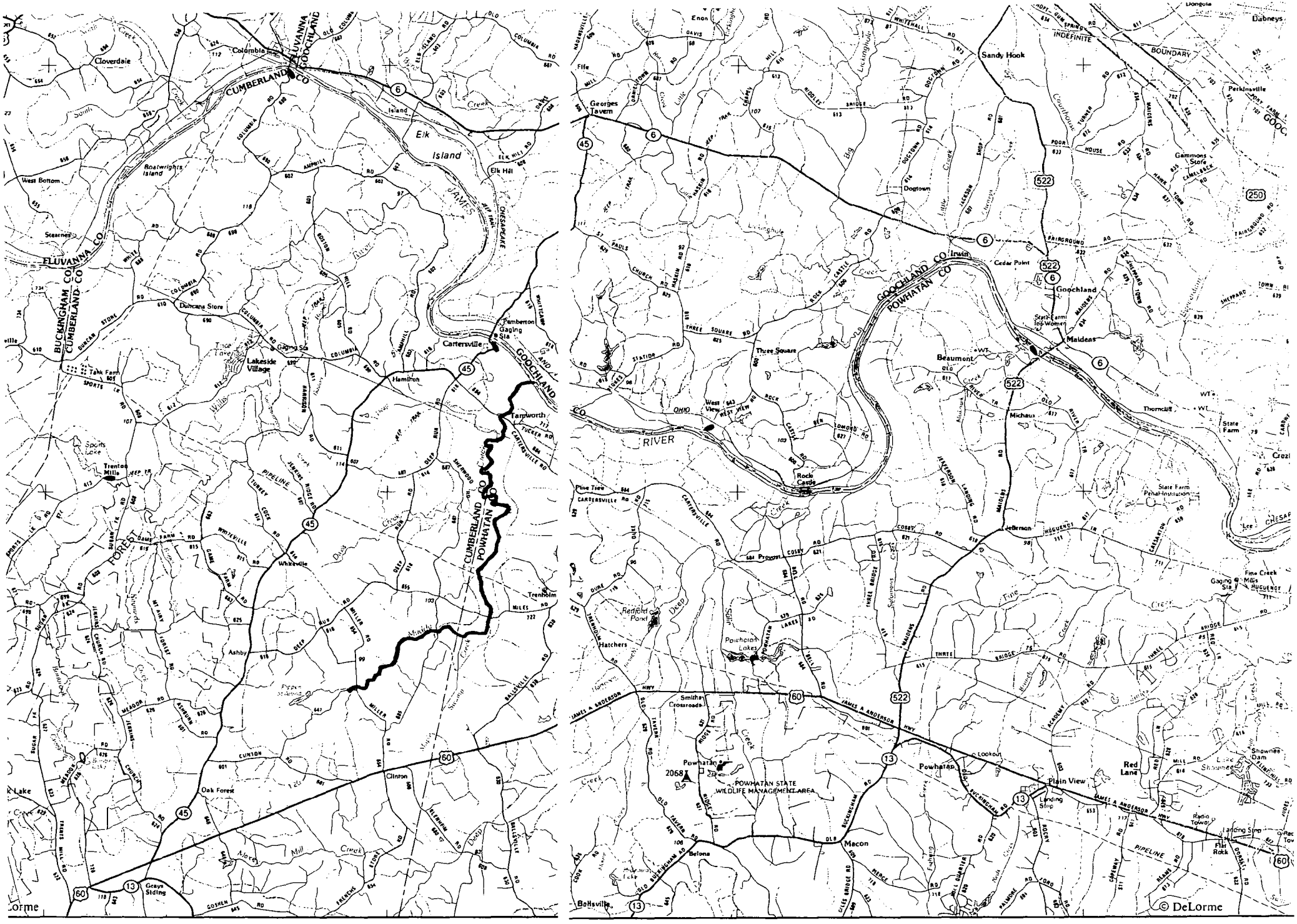
> "August Court 1728
>
> In the action ____ between John Right plaintiff and Richard Wilson Defendant Thomas Bohan(?) becomes Special Bail____ who acknowledging himself indebted unto the plt. on the sum of one pound Six Shillings and Eleven pence it is considered by the Court that the plt. do recover against the Deft. the Sum of one pound Six Shillings and Eleven pence Currant money with Costs and an Attornys fees."

On September 28, 1728, by Patent Deed 14/8 John Wright acquired 333 acres of land:

"George the Seconder To all &c Know ye That for divers good Causes and Considerations but more Especially for and in Consideration of the Sum of Thirty five Shillings of good and lawfull Mony for our use paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia We have Given Granted and Confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and Successors Do Give Grant and Confirm unto John Wright one Certain Tract or parcel of Land containing Three hundred and Thirty Three Acres lying and being on the South Side James River in the County of henrico and bounded as followeth (to wit) Begining at Robert hughes Corner Elm being the lower Corner on the River of the Muddy Creek Survey Thence on his line into the Woods West thirty two degrees South eighty Chains to a Corner pine Thence South thirty two degrees East seventy nine Chains to a Corner black oak Thence East twenty six degrees South eighty Chains to a Corner pine Thence East thirty eight degrees North ninety Chains to a Corner Oak on the River Thence up the River according to its Meanders to the place Began at With all &c To have holder to beholder c& yielding and paying c& provided c& In Witness c& witness Our Trusty and well beloved William gooch Esqr. our Lieut Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Colony and Dominion at Williamsburgh under the Seal of our said Colony the Twenty Eighth day of September One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty Eight in the Second year of our Reign

William Gooch"

The location of Muddy Creek south of the James River on what is now the border of Cumberland and Powhatan Counties is shown on the map on the following page and the Goochland Historical Society Deedmapper map of the location of this land is shown on the second following page:



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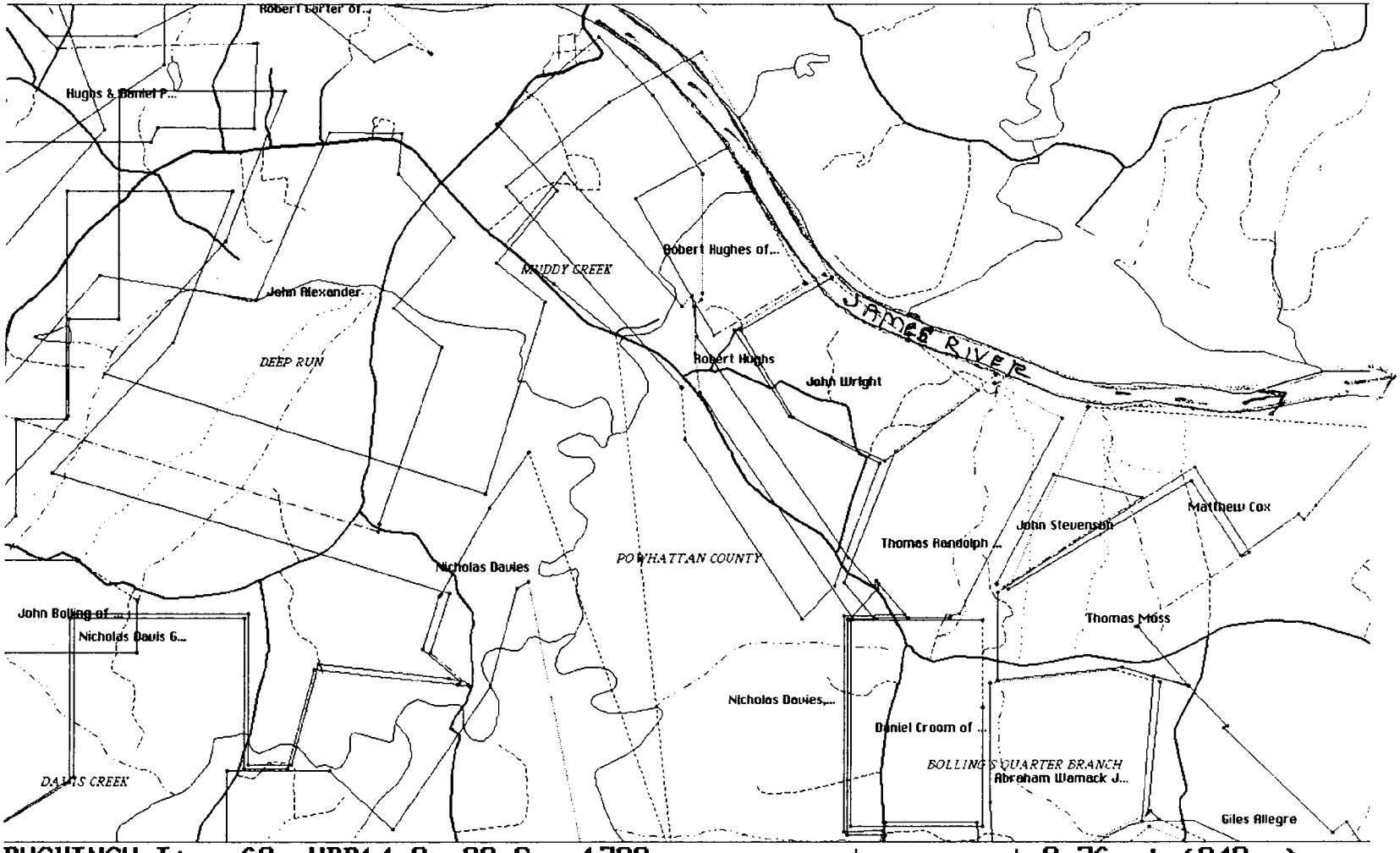

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To: John Wright
For 35Sh., 333a on the S side of James Riv. in the County of Henrico

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In May 1730 Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1/242 Elizabeth Wright was summoned to prove the will of her deceased husband John Wright:

"May Court 1730

. . . .

On the motion of Stephen Hughes it is ordered that Elizabeth widow of John Wright deceased be Summoned to appear at the next Court to prove the last will and testament of the said John Wright or refuse the Execution thereof."

The will of 1730 John Wright was dated on March 14, 1729/30, and probated on June 16, 1730, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 1/193, and provided as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen. Item my will is that my Land at mudey Crek shall be sould by my Executrix if she can sell it for thirtey five pounds Curt. money by the time my Son Frances Rite cums of age and if my Executrix do sell that Land on mudey Crek then I do impower her to lay out ye money for a tract of Land wheare she shall se fit which tract of Land shall be equaley divided between my four Sons Merideth Rite, William Rite, John Rite, and Frances Rite to be Eaqualey divided as theay shall cum at the age of twenty one years but if in case my aforesaid Land can not be sould that then it shall be devided among my aforementioned Children my will is that my Son Meredath Rite shall have the upper part and William next part John Rite next and Francis next and Last Item my will is my Loving wif Elizabeth Shall live on my Son Merideths part of land during her Widowhood

Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Rite my best feather bead and furniture

Item I give a year ould heifer known by the name of browneys yearlin to Lidey Brigs

All the rest and residue of my goods and Chatels whatsoever I give and bequeath to be Eaqualey divided between between my loving wif Eliz: Rite and all my Children and I make and appoint my loveing wife Elizabeth Rite Executrix of this my last will and testament revokin all former wills heartofore made ass witness my hand and seall this 14 day of march 1729.

Test Edward Scott John Wright
his
John W Williams
mark
John IB Burgis
mark

At a Court held for Goochland County June 16. 1730. This will was proved by the Oaths of Edward Scot & John Williams and was thereupon admitted to Record.

Test
Henry Wood Cl Cur."

From this record the following family of 1730 John Wright can be identified:

Wife: Elizabeth Wright

Children:
(1) Merideth Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09;
(2) William Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09;
(3) John Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09; and
(4) Francis Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09;

On June 16, 1730 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 1/257 the proof of the will of John Wright was recorded and an order issued appointing the appraisers of his estate:

"June Court 1730

The last will and testament of John Wright is presented in Court by Elizabeth Wright his Executrix who makes Oath thereto and the same being proved by the Oaths of Edward Scot and John Williams two of the Witnesses thereto it is admitted to record and on the motion of the said Executrix and her performing what is usuall in such cases certificate is granted her for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form Howell Burton and Joseph Woodson Securities.

Ordered that John Williams, Jacob Winfrey, John Merriman, Joseph Bingley, or any three of them being first sworn by some Justice of the Peace do Appraise the Estate of John Wright deceased and that Elizabeth Wright his Executrix do return an Inventory thereof to the next Court."

On June 16, 1730, at Goochland County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers, Elizabeth Wright filed her bond to act as executrix of the estate of John Wright:

"Know all Men by these Presents, That we Elisabeth Wright Joseph Woodson & Nowel Burton are held and firmly bound unto the Worshipful John Fleming first in Commission for Goochland County in the Sum of One hundred Pounds to be paid unto the said John Fleming and to his Successors; to the which Payment well and truly to be made and done, we bind our selves and every of us, our and every of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals. Dated the Sixteenth Day of June 1730

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above-bound Elisabeth Wright Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of John Wright Deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased, which have or shall come to the Hands, Possession or Knowledge of the said Elisabeth Wright or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for her and the same so made, do exhibit into the County Court of Goochland at such time as She shall be thereunto required by the said Court, and the same Goods, Chattels and Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased, which at any time after shall come to the Hands, Possession or Knowledge of the said Elisabeth Wright or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for her do well and truly Administer according to Law; and further do make a true and just Account of all her Actings and Doings therein, when thereto required by the said Court: And also shall well and truly pay and deliver all the Legacies contained and specified in the said Testament, as far as the said Goods, Chattels and Credits with thereunto extend, and the Law shall Charge; Then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

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in the Presence of	Elisth: X Wright
being first rated &	mark
interlined as above	Jos. Woodson
Griff Bowen	Howell Burton
John Quin"	

In July 1730 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/12 a case of trespass by Stephen Hughes against Elizabeth Wright was dismissed:

"July Court 1730

The Action of Trespass on the Case between Stephen Hughes Plt & Elizabeth Write Deft. is dismist withe party appearing."

In May 1731 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 2/122 two suits by Elizabeth Wright were dismissed:

"May Court 1731

In the action of trespass between Elizabeth Wright Plt and Peter Bottard Jacob Winfrey Defts. the Plt. having failed to file a declaration on the Defts motion she is nonsuited and it is thereupon Ordered that she do pay unto the Defts five Shillings Current Money with Costs and an Attorneys fees

The Action of trespass between Elizabeth Wright Plt. and John Creasy Deft is dismist the Plt not prosecuting the Same"

In September 1731 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 3/6 the two suits by Elizabeth Wright were again dismissed:

"September Court 1731

The Action of Trespass between Elizabeth Wright Plt. and Peter Bottard & Jacob Winfrey Defts is dismist the Plt. not prosecuting the same.

The Action of Trespass between Elizabeth Wright Plt. and John Creasey Deft is dismist the Plt. not prosecuting the same."

In March 1732/33 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 3/141 a judgment for debt by John Pleasants, as assignee of Elizabeth Wright, against John Wade was entered:

"March Court 1732

In the Action of Debt between John Pleasants Assee. of Elizabeth Wright Plt. and John Wade Deft. the Deft. being ruled to Special Bail and failing therein on the Plts. motion Judgment is granted him against the Deft. and John Woodson Gent. Sheriff for what damages shall be recovered in this Suit to be discharged nevertheless if the Deft. shall appear at the next Court.

Thomas Prosser appears as Attorney for the Sheriff."

In May 1733 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 3/178 the suit by John Pleasants, as assignee of Elizabeth Wright, was dismissed:

"May Court 1733

The Action of Debt between John Pleasants Assee. of Elizabeth Wright Plt. and John Wade Deft. is dismisst by consent of the parties."

In June 1733 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 3/196 a judgment for 38s 8p was entered against Elizabeth Wright as executrix of the will of John Wright:

"June Court 1733

On the petition of William Randolph, Richard Randolph, John Randolph & John Fleming, Exrs. &c. of Thomas Randolph deced. against Elizabeth Wright Exr. &c. of John Wright deced. John Fleming is sworn and the Deft. not appearing to make any objection against the same it is considered by the Court that the Plts.

Exrs. as aforesaid do recover against the Deft. Ex.x as aforesaid thirty eight shillings & eight pence Currt. money with Costs."

After the death of 1730 John Wright, his widow Elizabeth (Meredith) Wright sold his land on Muddy Creek in accordance with the directions of the will by deeds of lease and release at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 1/457 dated November 1, 1733, and recorded on February 19 and March 19, 1733/34, and D.B. 1/458 dated November 3, 1733, and recorded on February 19 and March 19, 1733/34:

Deed 1/457:

"This Indenture made the first day of Noveb the seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the faith eta and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty three between Elizabeth Wright of the County of Goochland Widow and Exex of the last Will and Testament of John Wright late of the said County decd. of the one part and John Nicholls of His County of Caroline of the other part Whereas the said John Wright by his last Will and Testament bearing date the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty nine did appoint impower and direct the said Elizabeth to sell one tract of land whereof the said John dyed Seized as by the said will more fully appears Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Elizabeth Wright pursuant to the directions in the said Will and for this Consideration of five shillings Current money to her in hand paid by the said John Nichols the receipt whereof she doth hereby acknowledge her self to be fully satisfied contented and paid she the said Elizabeth Wright hath Granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth Grant bargain and sell unto the said John Nichols the said tract of land containing three hundred hundred thirty three acres of land lying on Muddy Creek in Goochland County being the same land mentioned in the said will and the Revertion and Revertions Remainder and Remainders Rents and Services of the premisses above mentioned and of every part and parcell thereof with the appurtenances To have and to hold the said land and premisses above mentioned and every part and parcell thereof with the appurtenances unto the said John Nichols his Exers. Admrs. and Assigns from the day of this date hereof for and during and unto the full end and term of one whole year from thence next ensuing and fully to be compleated and ended Yielding and paying therefore one pepercorn mand upon the feast of Saint Michael the ArchAngel only if demanded to the intent that by virtue of these presents and by force of the Statute for transferring uses into possession he the said John Nichols may be in the actual possession of all and singular the said premisses above mentioned with the appurtenances and thereby be enabled to take & accept a Grant and Release of the Reversion and Inheritance thereof to him and his heirs to the only proper use and behoof of him the said John Nichols his heirs and assigns for ever In Witness whereof the said parties to these

presents have Interchangeably set their hands and Seals the day and year aforesaid.

Sealeled and Delivered
in presence of
John Pleasants
Jeremiah Matther
Margret Matther
Mary M. Burges

Elizabeth Wright III
her mark

At a Court held for Goochland County Febry. 19, 1733. This deed was proved by the Oaths of Jeremiah Matther & Margaret Matther two of the witnesses to it Subscribed to be the Act & deed of Elizabeth Wright and was thereupon admitted to Record.

At a Court held for Goochland County Mar. 19, 1733.

John Pleasants being a Quaker proved this deed by his solemn Affirmation to be the Act & deed of Elizabeth Wright which was admitted to Record.

Test.
Henry Wood Cl Cur"

Deed 1/458:

"This Indenture made this third day of November in the seventh year of the Reign our Soverein Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of the Ffaith eta and in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and thirty three Between Eliza. Wright of the County of Goochland Widow and Exx. of the last will and testament of John Wright late of the same County decd. of the one part and John Nichols of the County of Caroline of the other part Whereas the said John Wright by his last will and testament bearing date the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty nine did appoint impower and direct the said Elizabeth to sell one tract of land whereof the said John dyed seised as by the said will more fully appears. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the sd. Elizabeth Wright pursuant to the directions in the said will and for the Consideration of sixty pounds Current money to her in hand, paid by the said John Nichols the receipt whereof she doth hereby acknowledge her self to be fully satisfied contented and paid doth Grant Bargain Sell Alien Release and Confirm and by these presents hath Granted Bargained Sold Aliened Released and Confirmed unto the said John Nichols in his actuall possession now being by virtue of a Bargain and Sale to him thereof made for one whole year by Indenture bearing date the day next before the day of the date of these presents and by force of the Statute for transferring uses into possession and to his heirs

and assigns for over the sd. tract or parcell of land containing three hundred and thirty three Acres lying on Muddy Creek in Goochland County being the same land mentioned in the said will with all houses edifices buildings orchards gardens lands meadows woods and underwoods comodites advantages emoluments and heridaments whatsoever to the said messuage lands or tenements belonging and also the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents and Services of all the said premises above mentioned & of every part and parcell thereof with the appurtenances And also all the Estate Right Title Interest Claim and demand whatsoever as well in Equity as in Land of her the said Eliza. Wright in and to the said premisses above mentioned and of in and to every part and parcell thereof with the appurtenances To have and to hold all the said messuage lands tenements heridataments and premisses above mentioned with the appurtenances unto the said John Nichols his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of him the said John Nichols his heirs and Assigns for ever And the said Elizabeth Wright for her self her heirs and Assigns doth Covenant and Grant to and with the said John Nichols his heirs and assigns that she the said Elizabeth Wright hath now good rightful power and absolute authority to Grant bargain sell & convey all the said messuage land tenements and hereditaments and hereditaments and premisses above mentioned with the appurtenances unto the said John Nichols his heirs and Assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said John Nichols his heirs and assigns for ever according to the true intent and meaning of presents And also that he the said John Nichols his heirs and assigns shall and may at all times for ever hereafter peaceably and quietly have hold occupie possess and Enjoy all the messuages lands tenements hereditaments and premisses above mentioned with the Appurtenances without the interruption lett hinderance and denyall of her the said Elizabeth Wright her heirs and assigns & of all and every other person or persons whatsoever And that freed and discharged or otherwise sufficiently kept harmless and indempnified of and from all former and other bargains sales gifts grants leases dowers mortgages wills intails writings obligatory Judgments and of and from all former and other charges rights titles troubles and incumbrances whatsoever had made omitted done or suffered to be had made remitted or suffered by the said Elizabeth Wright or any other person or persons whatsoever And lastly it is covenanted granted and agreed upon by and between the said parties that she the said Elizabeth Wright and her heirs & all & every other persons and his and their heirs anything haveing & claiming in the said premisses above mentioned or any part thereof by from or under them shall and will from time to time & at all times hereafter upon the reasonable request and at the cost and charges of him the said John Nichols his heirs and assigns make do and Execute or cause to be made done and executed all such farther and other lawfull and reasonable act and acts thing and things devise and devises conveyance and reconveyances in the law whatsoever for the better and more perfect granting conveying and assureing of all the said premisses above mentioned with the appurtenances unto the said John Nicholls his heirs and assigns for ever as by the said John Nichols his heirs and assigns or his or their

Council learned in the Law shall be reasonably devised advised or required In Witness whereof the said Elizabeth Wright hath hereunto sett her hand and afixed her Seal the day month and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in presence of

Memo. that the words (said) in the sixth line (the said) in the tenth (Creek) in the eleventh and (or) in the twenty sixth were all interlined beforeing Sealing & delivery

John Pleasants	Jeremiah Matther	Elizabeth Wright
her mark	Margret Matther	her mark
Mary M Burgess		

At a Court held for Goochland County Febry 19, 1733. This deed was proved by the Oaths of Jeremiah Matther and Margaret Matther two of the witnesses to it Subscribed to be the Act & deed of Elizabeth Wright & was thereupon admitted to Record.

At a Court held for Goochland County Mar 19, 1733. John Pleasants being a Quaker proved this deed by his Solemn Affirmation to be the Act & Deed of Elizabeth Wright which was admitted to Record.

Test.
Henry Wood Cl Cur"

The reference to 333 acres of land on Muddy Creek clearly identifies the land sold by Elizabeth Wright from the estate of John Wright as the same land as that acquired by Patent Deed 14/8.

In February 1733/34 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 3/223 Jeremiah and Margaret Hatcher proved the deeds of lease and release from Elizabeth Wright to John Nicholls:

"February Court 1733

Jeremiah Hatcher & Margaret Hatcher prove deeds of Lease & Release from Elizabeth Wright to John Nicholls to be the Acts & deeds of the said Elizabeth and they are thereupon admitted to record."

In March 1733/34 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 3/228, John Pleasants proved the deeds of lease and release from Elizabeth Wright to John Nicholls:

"March Court 1733

John Pleasants proves deeds of Lease & Release from Elizabeth Wright to John Nicholls to be the Acts & deeds of the said Elizabeth which is ordered to be Recorded."

The identification of the family of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County after the sale of his land requires an overview of tithes lists and deed records that relate to his wife and four sons and which connect his minor children to their adult lives.

The 1735 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed a William Right with one tithe:

"The List of Tithes in my Presink
. . . .
William Right 1
. . . ."

This was probably William Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County. Although there was another William Wright in Goochland County, the first record of that second William Wright was not until March 6, 1746, when he first purchased land. The appearance of William Wright in the 1735 Tithe List indicates that he was born before June 11, 1719.

In July 1735 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 3/276 Elizabeth Wright was summoned to take the administration of the estate of Merrideth Wright:

"July Court 1735

On the motion of Stephen Mallet it is Ordered that Elizabeth Wright be Summoned to appear at the next Court to take Administration on the Estate of Merrideth Wright deced."

This is clearly a reference to the son of 1730 John Wright and his wife Elizabeth (____) Wright.

On July 10, 1735, at Goochland County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers, a summons was issued against Elizabeth Wright to take up the administration of the estate of Meredith Wright:

"Goochland Sct.

These are in his Majestys name to will and require you to Sumon Elizabeth Wright to appear at the next Court to be held for this County then and there to take Admn. on the Estate of Merridith Wright's Estate or to refuse the same. Herein fail not also make due return hereof Dated at the Clerks Office the 10th day July 1735.

To the Sherif of
Goochland County
Augt. 15th. 1735
Executed
Robt. Payne Sub. Sher."

Henry Wood Cl Cur

The will of 1730 John Wright had listed his sons in the order Meredith, William, John, and Francis, suggesting that Meredith was the oldest. In addition, 1730 John Wright directed that his widow Elizabeth would live on his son Meredith's part of his land during her widowhood, again suggesting that Meredith was the oldest son. 1730 John Wright's will also directed the sale of his land before his son Francis came of age, indicating that Francis was the youngest of the four sons. Finally, 1730 John Wright directed that land be bought for his sons and divided equally among them as they attained age 21, indicating that all had been born after March 14, 1708/9. If Meredith was the oldest son and born after 1708/9 and if William was the second oldest and born after 1708/9 and before June 11, 1719, then Meredith Wright would have been born between March 14, 1708/9 and approximately 1719 and probably before 1718. As set forth above, Lancaster County Deed 9/324 indicates that he was born before August 19, 1710.

In August 1735 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 3/879 Elizabeth Wright was appointed administratrix of the estate of Meredith Wright:

"August Court 1735

Elizabeth Wright comes into Court & makes Oath that Merrideth Wright deced. died without any will so far as she knows or believes & on her motion & giving Security for her just and faithfull Administration of the said Deceadents Estate Certificate is granted her for obtaining Letters of Administration in due form William Easley Security.

Ordered that Daniell Wilmore, Robert Hughes, John Cox & Frederick Cox or any three of them they being first sworn before some Justice of the peace do Appraise the Estate of Merrideth Wright deced. and that Elizabeth Wright the Administratrix do return an Inventory thereof to the next Court."

On January 20, 1735/36, at Goochland County, Virginia, W.B. 2/163 the inventory and appraisement of the estate of Meridy Wright was filed.

In January 1735/36 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/24 the filing of the inventory of Meredith Wright by Elizabeth Wright was also recorded:

"January Court 1735

Elizabeth Wright presents an Inventory of the Estate of Meride_ Wright deced which is ordered to be Recorded."

In March 1735/36 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/44 Elizabeth Wright petitioned for the settlement of her account of the estate of Meredith Wright:

"March Court 1735

On the Petition of Stephen Mallet against Elizabeth Wright Administratrix &c of Merrideth Wright deced the Defendant pleads she hath fully Administred which plea the petitioner Joyns and Robert Hughes and Edward Scott are appointed to Settle the Account of the said Estate and to return the Same to the next Court."

In June 1736 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/70 a judgment for 350 pounds of tobacco was entered against Elizabeth Wright, as administratrix of the estate of Meredith Wright:

"June Court 1736

On the Petition of Stephen Mallet against Elizabeth Wright Administratrix &c of Merrideth Wright Deced Deft. the Deft. making no objection Judgment is granted the petitioner against her for three hundred and fifty pounds of Tobacco with Costs to be paid out of the said Deceaden_ Estate when assets.

On the Motion of Peter Boccar a Witness for Elizabeth Wright Administratrix &c of Merrideth Wright Deceased ads Stephen Mallet it is ordered that the said Elizabeth do pay him for ten days Attendance three hundred pounds of Tobacco out of the said Deceadents Estate when assets."

The 1736 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed Elizabeth Right with 1 tithe:

"July 30th 1736

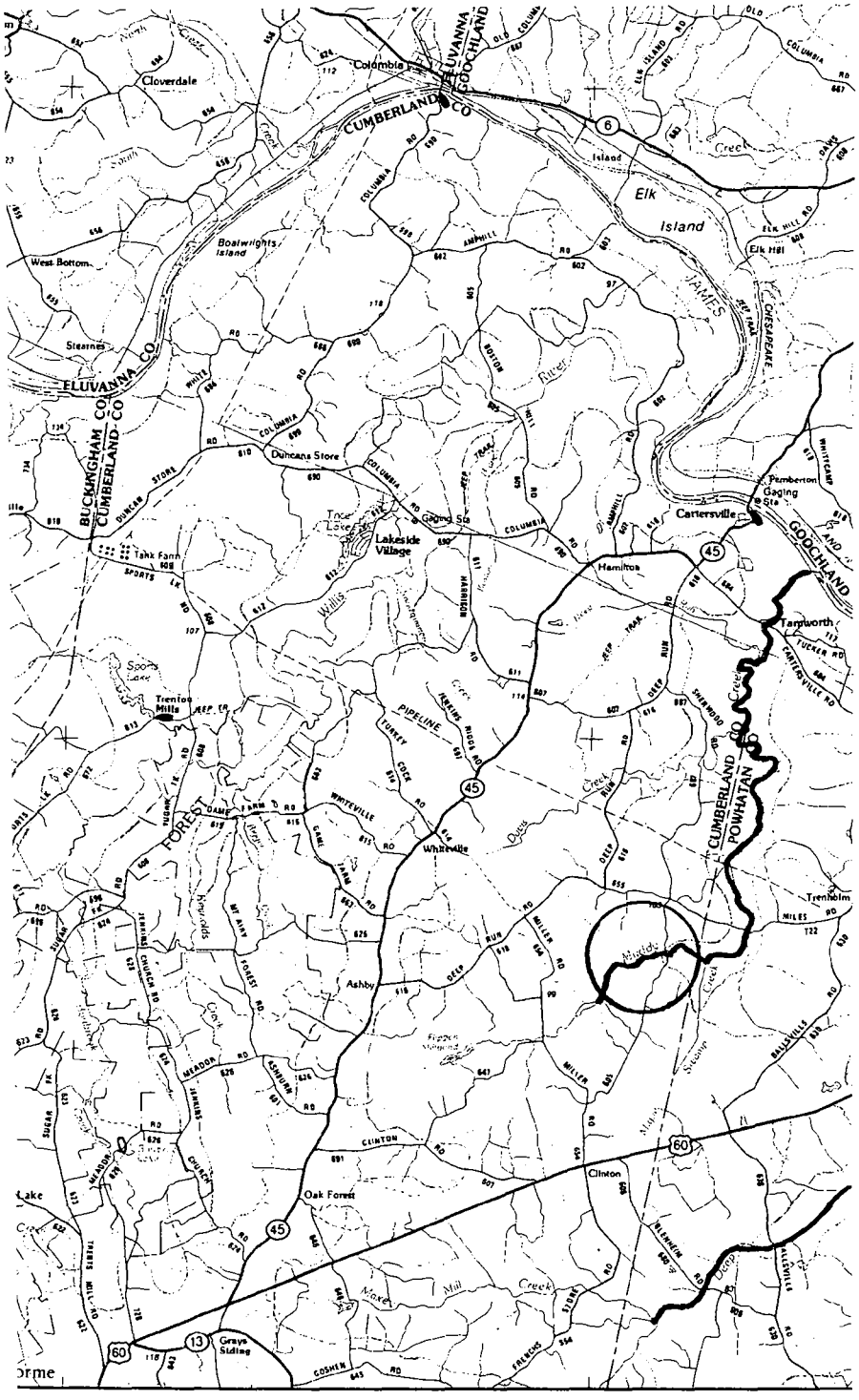
The List of Titheables Between Deep Creak and fine Creak from River to River being in y bounds To Tucker huntit(?)

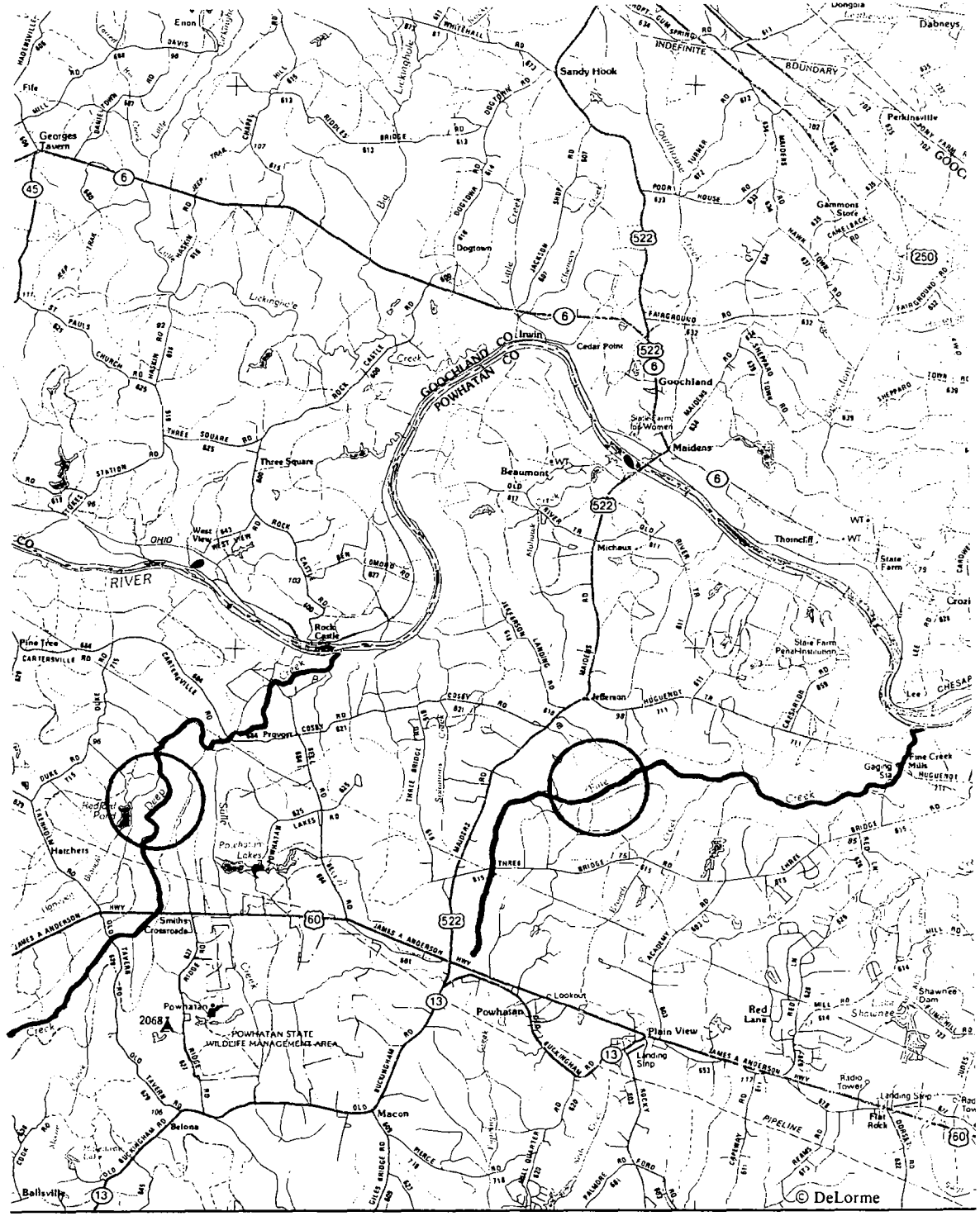
. . . .

Elizabeth Right 1

. . . ."

The creeks on the south side of the James River include in a progression from east to west Fine Creek, Deep Creek, and Muddy Creek. The map on the following page illustrates the location of those creeks.





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(40 meters = 131.2 feet)

1730 John Wright's land had been on Muddy Creek and the 1736 tithe list referred to above covered Deep and Fine Creek. In addition, the will of 1730 John Wright provided that his widow Elizabeth Wright would live on the land allocated to her son Meredith. Meredith's death in 1735 would probably result in Elizabeth inheriting his estate and being listed as the tithable. For these two reasons, the Elizabeth Wright of this 1736 tithe list would be the widow of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County.

On August 19, 1736, at Goochland County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers, Elizabeth Wright filed her bond to act as administatrix of the estate of Merridith Wright:

> "Know all Men by these Presents, That We Elizabeth Wright and William Easley are Held and firmly Bound unto John Fleming Gent the first Justice in the Commission of the Peace for Goochland County; for, and in Behalf, and to the sole Use and Behoof of the Justices of the said County, and their Successors, in the Sum of Fifty Pounds Currt. Money To be paid to the Said John Fleming his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns: To the which Payment well and truly to be Made, we Bind our selves, and every of us, our and every of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, jointly and Severally, firmly, by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals. Dated this Nineteenth Day of August 1736.
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> The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above-bound Elizabeth Wright Administratrix of all the Goods, Chattels and Credits of Merrideth Wright Decd Deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased, which have, or shall come to the Hands, Possession, or Knowledge of Her the said Elizabeth Wright or into the Hands, or possession of any other Person, or Persons, for Her and the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited into the County Court of Goochland at such Time as She Shall be thereunto required by the said Court; and the same Goods, Chattels, and Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the said Deceased, at the time of His Death, which at any time after shall come to the Hands, or Possession of the said Elizabeth Wright or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for Her do well and truly Administer according to Law: And further do make a just and true Account of Her Actings and Doings therein, when thereto required by the said Court; and all the rest and residue of the said Goods, Chattels, and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administration Account, the same being first examined and allowed by the Justices of the Court for the Time being, shall deliver and pay unto such Person or Persons respectively, as the said Justices by their Order, or Judgment, shall direct pursuant to the Laws in that Case made and provided; and if it shall hereafter appear, that any Last Will and Testament was made by the said Deceased, and the Executor or Executors therein named, do exhibit the same

into the said Court, making Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, if the said Elizabeth Wright being thereunto required, do render and deliver up Her Letters of Administration, Approbation of such Testament being first had and made in the said Court; Then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect, or else to remain in Full Force and Virtue.

Sealed and Delivered)		her	
in the Presence of)	Elisabeth	X	Wright
Jos: Dabbs		mark	
George Payne Junr.	William Easley"		

The 1746 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright and John Wright in the Southam Parish with one tithe each:

"A List of Tithables taken the 10th day of June 1746 in Goochland County Southam Parish by Thos: Turpin (?):

. . . .

William Wright	1

. . . .

John Wright	1

. . . ."

The land of 1730 John Wright was south of the James River on Muddy Creek. Southam Parish was created in 1744 for the portion of Goochland County south of the James River. It would be appropriate for the sons of 1730 John Wright to be listed in the Southam Parish for Goochland County. The appearance of John Wright in the 1746 Tithe List indicates that he was born before June 11, 1730. Such a birth date is also consistent with the order in which the children of 1730 John Wright were listed in his will, that is, Meredith, William, John, and Francis.

The 1748 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright and Francis Wright in the Southam Parish on June 10, 1748, with one tithe each:

"A List of Tithables taken in Southam Parish June 10 1748

. . . .

William Wright	1
Francis Wright	1

. . . ."

The first appearance of Francis Wright in the 1748 Tithe List indicates that he was born before June 11, 1732. Such a birth year is again consistent with the order in which the children of 1730 John Wright were listed in his will. The direction in 1730 John Wright's

will to sell his land "by the time my Son Frances Rite cums of age" suggests that Francis Wright was the youngest of the four sons. But the date of the will also indicates that Francis Wright would have to have been born before March 14, 1729/30.

From the evidence set forth above and additional evidence set forth below, the children of John Wright and Elizabeth (Meredith) Wright were the following;

1) Merideth Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09 and before August 19, 1710, probably in Lancaster County, Virginia,

2) William Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09 and probably before 1713 probably in Lancaster County, Virginia,

3) John Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09 and before 1719, and

4) Francis Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09 and before March 14, 1729/30.

1. 1735 Merideth Or Maridy Wright Of Goochland County

1735 Merideth or Maridy Wright of Goochland County was a son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County and Elizabeth (Meredith) Wright. (1690 Francis[1], 1730 John[2])

On August 19, 1710, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/324 William Merridith recorded for his grandson Meredith Wright a young mare filly and Charles Wright gave a two year old heifer to Merridith Wright:

> "Augt. 19th 1710. Wm: Meridith records for my Grandson, Merridith Wright a young Mare fillie which is to be branded wth: ____ which is ____
>
> Recordr
> Jos: Tayloe, Clk
>
> Charles Wright gives to ye sd. Merridith Wright a two yeare old Heifer marked wth: two crops & one over keele wth: all its encrease.
>
> Recordr
> Jos: Tayloe, Clk"

This record indicates that Meredith Wright was born before August 19, 1710. Since 1730 John Wright was residing in Lancaster County at that time, the place of birth of Meredith Wright was probably in Lancaster County, Virginia.

The will of 1730 John Wright or Rite dated March 14, 1729/30, and probated on June 16, 1730, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 1/193 listed Merideth Right as his son:

> ". . . Item my will is that my Land at mudey Crek shall be sould by my Executrix if she can sell it for thirtey five pounds Curt. money by the time my Son Frances Rite cums of age and if my Executrix do sell that Land on mudey Crek then I do impower her to lay out ye money for a tract of Land wheare she shall se fit which tract of Land shall be equaley divided between my four Sons Merideth Rite, William Rite, John Rite, and Frances Rite to be Eaqualey divided as theay shall cum at the age of twenty one years . . . "

This record indicates that Meredith Wright was born after March 14, 1708/9.

In July 1735 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 3/276 Elizabeth Wright was summoned to take administration of the estate of Merrideth Wright:

> "July Court 1735
>
> On the motion of Stephen Mallet it is Ordered that Elizabeth Wright be Summoned to appear at the next Court to take Administration on the Estate of Merrideth Wright deced."

This record indicates that Meredith Wright had died by July 1735.

On July 10, 1735, at Goochland County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers, a summons was issued against Elizabeth Wright to take up the administration of the estate of Meredith Wright:

> "Goochland Sct.
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> These are in his Majestys name to will and require you to Sumon Elizabeth Wright to appear at the next Court to be held for this County then and there to take Admn. on the Estate of Merridith Wright's Estate or to refuse the same. Herein fail not also make due return hereof Dated at the Clerks Office the 10th day July 1735.
>
> To the Sherif of Henry Wood Cl Cur
> Goochland County
> Augt. 15th. 1735
> Executed
> Robt. Payne Sub. Sher."

In August 1735 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 3/879 Elizabeth Wright was appointed administratrix of the estate of Merrideth Wright:

"August Court 1735

Elizabeth Wright comes into Court & makes Oath that Merrideth Wright deced. died without any will so far as she knows or believes & on her motion & giving Security for her just and faithfull Administration of the said Deceadents Estate Certificate is granted her for obtaining Letters of Administration in due form William Easley Security.

Ordered that Daniell Wilmore, Robert Hughes, John Cox & Frederick Cox or any three of them they being first sworn before some Justice of the peace do Appraise the Estate of Merrideth Wright deced. and that Elizabeth Wright the Administratrix do return an Inventory thereof to the next Court."

On November 19, 1735, at Goochland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 4/12 the petition of Stephen Mallet against Elizabeth Wright, as administratrix of the estate of Meredith Wright, was dismissed with neither party appearing.

In January 1735/36 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 4/24 the filing of the inventory of Meredith Wright was ordered recorded:

"January Court 1735

Elizabeth Wright presents an Inventory of the Estate of Meride__ Wright deced which is ordered to be Recorded."

The inventory and appraisement of the estate of Maridy Wright was filed on January 20, 1735/36, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 2/163 and listed the following estate:

"Inventory of Maridy Wrights Estate Dekest

To a parsil of Tand Leather	£ .1.6
To a Buck Skin	_.5.6
To an old Knife and fork	_._.6
To an old Coat & ould Shurt & ould Hatt	_.2.6
To an oald Bridle and Saddle	_.7._

To a new Coat	_.13.6
To 250 lb of Tobacco	1.5._
	£1.15.6

Appraised by
Robert Hughes
Daniel Willmore
John Cox

her
Elizabeth III Wright
mark

At a Court held for Goochland County January the 20th 1735 Elizabeth Wright presented this Inventory which was Admitted to Record.

Test.
H. Wood Cl Cur."

On March 18, 1735/36, at Goochland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 4/44 on a petition of Stephen Mallet against Elizabeth Wright, as administratrix of the estate of Merrideth Wright, Elizabeth Wright pleaded that she had fully administered the estate and Robert Hughes and Edward Scott were appointed to settle the account of the estate:

"March Court 1735

On the Petition of Stephen Mallet against Elizabeth Wright Administratrix &c of Merrideth Wright deced the Defendant pleads she hath fully Administred which plea the petitioner Joyns and Robert Hughes and Edward Scott are appointed to Settle the Account of the said Estate and to return the Same to the next Court."

On June 16, 1736, at Goochland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 4/70 on a petition of Stephen Mallet against Elizabeth Wright, as administratrix of the estate of Merrideth Wright, Elizabeth Wright made no objection and judgment was granted to Stephen Mallet for 350 pounds of tobacco and costs, to be paid from the estate of Merrideth Wright:

"June Court 1736

On the Petition of Stephen Mallet against Elizabeth Wright Administratrix &c of Merrideth Wright Deced Deft. the Deft. making no objection Judgment is granted the petitioner against her for three hundred and fifty pounds of Tobacco with Costs to be paid out of the said Deceaden__ Estate when assets.

On the Motion of Peter Boccar a Witness for Elizabeth Wright Administratrix &c of Merrideth Wright Deceased ads Stephen Mallet it is ordered that the said Elizabeth do pay him for ten days Attendance three hundred pounds of Tobacco out of the said Deceadents Estate when assets."

On August 19, 1736, at Goochland County, Virginia, County Court Loose Papers, Elizabeth Wright filed her bond to act as administatrix of the estate of Merridith Wright:

"Know all Men by these Presents, That We Elizabeth Wright and William Easley are Held and firmly Bound unto John Fleming Gent the first Justice in the Commission of the Peace for Goochland County; for, and in Behalf, and to the sole Use and Behoof of the Justices of the said County, and their Successors, in the Sum of Fifty Pounds Currt. Money To be paid to the Said John Fleming his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns: To the which Payment well and truly to be Made, we Bind our selves, and every of us, our and every of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, jointly and Severally, firmly, by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals. Dated this Nineteenth Day of August 1736.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above-bound Elizabeth Wright Administratrix of all the Goods, Chattels and Credits of Merrideth Wright Decd Deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased, which have, or shall come to the Hands, Possession, or Knowledge of Her the said Elizabeth Wright or into the Hands, or possession of any other Person, or Persons, for Her and the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited into the County Court of Goochland at such Time as She Shall be thereunto required by the said Court; and the same Goods, Chattels, and Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the said Deceased, at the time of His Death, which at any time after shall come to the Hands, or Possession of the said Elizabeth Wright or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for Her do well and truly Administer according to Law: And further do make a just and true Account of Her Actings and Doings therein, when thereto required by the said Court; and all the rest and residue of the said Goods, Chattels, and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administration Account, the same being first examined and allowed by the Justices of the Court for the Time being, shall deliver and pay unto such Person or Persons respectively, as the said Justices by their Order, or Judgment, shall direct pursuant to the Laws in that Case made and provided; and if it shall hereafter appear, that any Last Will and Testament was made by the said Deceased, and the Executor or Executors therein named, do exhibit the same into the said Court, making Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, if the said Elizabeth Wright being thereunto required, do render and deliver up Her Letters of Administration, Approbation of such Testament being first had and

made in the said Court; Then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect, or else to remain in Full Force and Virtue.

Sealed and Delivered)		her	
in the Presence of)	Elisabeth	X	Wright
Jos: Dabbs		mark	
George Payne Junr.	William Easley"		

2. <u>William Wright (Goochland County), His Wife ( ) Wright, And His Descendants</u>

William Wright (Goochland County) was a son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County and Elizabeth (Meredith) Wright. (1690 Francis[1], 1730 John[2])

The will of 1730 John Wright or Rite dated March 14, 1729/30, and probated on June 16, 1730, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 1/193 listed William Rite as his son:

> ". . . Item my will is that my Land at mudey Crek shall be sould by my Executrix if she can sell it for thirtey five pounds Curt. money by the time my Son Frances Rite cums of age and if my Executrix do sell that Land on mudey Crek then I do impower her to lay out ye money for a tract of Land wheare she shall se fit which tract of Land shall be equaley divided between my four Sons Merideth Rite, William Rite, John Rite, and Frances Rite to be Eaqualey divided as theay shall cum at the age of twenty one years . . ."

The 1735 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed a William Right with one tithe:

> "The List of Tithes in my Presink
> . . . .
> William Right 1
> . . . ."

This was probably William Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County. The appearance of William Wright in the 1735 Tithe List indicates that he was born before June 11, 1719.

On August 19, 1736, at Goochland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 4/114 William Wright acted as a witness for Peter Boccar against Thomas Bassett and James Robinson and the court ordered that Peter Boccar pay William Wright 90 pounds of tobacco for 3 days attendance at court:

"August Court 1736

On the motion of Willm. Wright a Witness for Pet Bottar agt. Thomas Bassett & Jas. Robinson it is ordered that the said Peter do pay him for three days Attendance ninety pounds of tobacco."

This was probably William Wright the son of 1730 John Wright. Peter "Boccar" had acted as a witness for Elizabeth Wright in connection with the estate of Meredith Wright, thereby connecting him with the family. If William Wright was at least 16 years of age when he testified, he was probably born before 1720.

On March 6, 1746, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 6/175 William Wright purchased 100 acres of land from John Mims:

"This Indenture made this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & forty six. Between John Mims of the County of Goochland of the one part, & William Wright of the said County of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Mims, for & in consideration of twenty pounds of Lawfull Money of Virginia, by him the said Wm. Wright, to him the said John Mims in hand paid before the sealing & delivery hereof the receipt whereof he the said John Mims doth hereby Acknowledge & thereof doth acquitt & discharge the said Wm. Wright, his heirs Executors & Administrators hath granted bargained sold Enfeoffed & confirmed, & by these Presents doth grant bargain sell Enfeoff & confirm unto the said Wm. Wright his heirs & Assigns, one certain tract or parcel of Land lying & being in Goochland County on the upper fork of Lickinghole Creek containing by estimation one hundred Acres be the same more or less, & being bounded as followeth /to witt/ Beginning at a corner Beach standing on the said Creek, thence on a short line to a black oak corner, thence on Stephen Clement & John Wrights lines crossing the said Creek to a corner pine thence on John Mullins & Wm. Maccommaks lines to a corner white Oak standing at the head of a branch, thence down the sd. Branch to the Creek & down the Creek accord.g to its Meandrings to the place begun at & the Reversion & Reversions, Remainder & Remainders Rents Issues & profitts thereof with the appurtenances To have & to hold the said Messuage plantation & tract of Land with the appurtenances unto the said Wm. Wright his heirs & Assigns, to the only use & behoof of the said Wm. Wright his Heirs & Assigns forever. and the said John Mims his heirs &c. the said messuage plantation & tract of Land with the appurtenances unto him the said Wm. Wright his heirs & Assigns, shall & will warrant & forever defend by these Presents, agt. the claim & demand of him the said John Mims his heirs or Assigns or any other person whatsoever, & the said John Mims for himself his heirs Exrs. & Admrs. doth covenant promise & agree to & with the said Wm. Wright his heirs & Assigns that the premises & every part thereof with the appurtenances are free and discharged from all manner of Incumbrances & that the sd. Wm. Wright his Heirs

&c. the said Messuage Plantation & tract of Land with the appurtenances for & notwithstanding any Act or thing by him the said John Mims his heirs or Assigns or any other person committed done or suffered shall or Lawfully may forever hereafter have hold use occupy Possess & Enjoy the same & every part thereof with the appurtens. without the Lawfull lett Molestation or Eviction of him the said John Mims his heirs or Assigns or any other person whatsoever In Witness whereof the sd. John Mims to these Presents hath Interchangably set his hand & Seal the Day & year above Written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered
In the presence of us.
Witness.
James George
Richd. Oglesby
John Wright

John his I mark Mims

Recd. on the day of the date of the within written
Indenture of the within named Wm. Wright the sum of
twenty Pounds Curr. Money, it being the consideration
Money within Mentd. I say recd. pr. me.

) £20

John his I mark Mims

Memorandm.

That on the day of the date of the within written Indenture full and peaceable Seisin & Possession of the within mentd. premises with the appurtenances was had and taken by me the within named Jn. Mims & by me given & delivered unto the within named Willm. Wright, Witness my hand.

Witness.
James George
Richd. Oglesby
John Wright

John his I mark Mims

At a Court held for Goochland County Novem. 19. 1751. John Mims acknowledged this Deed with the Livery of Seizin & receipt Endorsed, to be his Acts & Deeds which were admitted to Record."

As will be set forth below, the Goochland County Tithe Lists confirm that William Wright (Goochland County) was the same person as the William Wright who purchased this land. The legal description indicates that the land was adjacent to John Wright. The

legal descriptions of the land of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) make clear that he was the John Wright adjacent to William Wright. As set forth below, John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was the same person as John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, and the result is to identify William Wright (Goochland County) as the same person as William Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County.

The 1746 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright in the John Smith or Northam Parish List, consistent with his purchase of land there in March:

> "List of Tythables in the Parish of St. James Northam & County of Goochland taken by John Smith for the year 1746
>
> . . . .
>
> William Wright [_]
>
> . . . ."

The 1746 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, also listed William Wright and John Wright in the Southam Parish with one tithe each:

> "A List of Tithables taken the 10th day of June 1746 in Goochland County Southam Parish by Thos: Turpin (?):
>
> . . . .
>
> William Wright 1
>
> . . . .
>
> John Wright 1
>
> . . . ."

The appearance of William Wright in the 1746 Tithe List indicates that he was born before June 11, 1730. The date of the will of 1730 John Wright indicates that his son William Wright had to have been born before March 14, 1729/30.

As set forth below with regard to John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter), both William Wright and John Wright, the sons of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, were listed in both the Northam and Southam Parish Tithe Lists probably because they continued to operate a plantation in Southam Parish either on leased land or as sharecroppers after the purchase of their own land in Northam Parish.

In May 1747, at Goochland County, Virginia, Loose Papers, Bernard Gains renewed a judgment against William Wright for 7£ 3S 8p:

"Goochland Sc.
May Court 1747

On the Scire Facias brought by Bernard Gains agt. William Wright to renew a Judgement of this Court dated in November MDCCXLII for seven pounds three Shillings and eight pence Currt. Money and One hundred and eighty four pounds of Neet Tobacco and fifteen shilling Currt. Money for Costs the Sherif having return'd on the Alias Scire Facias that the Defendt. is not found and he now failing to appear on the motion of the plt. the said Judgment is renewed together with the Costs of this Scire Facias and a Lawyers Fee and it is Considered that Execution do issue thereon.

1746 Costs to Clk Copy Test
Hen. Wood Clk.

Septem. Sc Fa. is recd. act & decl is fil recd dock		
5 int atty 5 1747 int ord 15 Als Sc Fac 15 recd wt 8		91.
May secure Judgment 10 Copy & Costs 21 Exon 15		
recd ret 8		54.
Sheriffs Fees		30.
Lawyers Fee 15/ or 150 lb Tobo.		175.
	30 p C /t	52.
	Nt	123.

Hen. Wood"

The 1748 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright and Francis Wright in the Southam Parish on June 10, 1748, with one tithe each:

"A List of Tithables taken in Southam Parish June 10 1746
. . . .
William Wright 1
Francis Wright 1
. . . ."

Cumberland County was formed in 1748 from the portion of Goochland County south of the James River and some records relating to William Wright were thereafter found in Cumberland County rather than Goochland County.

On June 12, 1748, at Goochland County, Virginia, Loose Papers, a summons was issued against William Wright to satisfy a judgement obtained by Bernard Gains for 7£ 3S 8p:

"George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c To the Sheriff of Goochland County Greeting We Comand you that you take William Wright if he be found within your Bailiwick and him in your safe Custody keep so that you have his Body before our Justices of our Court of the County aforesaid on the third tuesday in September next to satisfie Bernard Gains Seven pounds eighteen shillings and eight pence Currt. money and One hundred and eighty four pounds of Neet Tobacco which the said Bernard Gains in our County Court aforesaid before our Justices aforesaid hath recovered against him for Debt also One Hundred & twenty three pounds of Neet Tobacco and fifteen shillings or One Hundred and fifty pounds of Tobacco which to the said Bernard Gains were adjudged for his Costs in that Suit expended whereof he is Convict as appears to Us of Record And that You have there then this Writ. Witness Henry Wood Clerk of our said Court the XII(?) Day of June in the XXI Year of our Reign.

Hen. Wood."

On August 28, 1749, at Cumberland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1749-51/16 William Wright continued his suit against Francis Epperson for assault and battery:

"William Wright Plt)
against) Assault and Battery
Francis Epperson Def)

This Day came the Parties by their Attornies ____ prays and has Leave to imparl specially til the next Court of ____"

On August 28, 1749, at Cumberland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1749-51/16 the court entered a judgment for £2 6s against William Wright in favor of Thomas Yuille, as administrator of the estate of John Yuille:

"Upon the Petition of Thomas Yuille Admr. of John Yuille deced against William Wright for two Pound six Shillings therein supposed to be due by Note under the Defts Hand this Day came the Plt by his Attorney and the Deft. having been duly served with a Copy of the Plt Petition and not appearing to gainsay the Allegation thereof It is Considered by the Court that the Plt recover against the said Deft. his Debt aforesaid and his Costs by him in this Behalf expended and seven Shillings & six Pence for a Lawyers Fee"

On August 28, 1749, at Cumberland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1749-51/23 William Wright obtained a judgment against Francis Epperson for assault and battery:

"William Wright Plt)
agst) In Trespass Assault and Battery
Francis Epperson Def)

The Def says Nothing in Bar or Preclusion of the Plts Action by which the Plt remains thereof against him undefended Therefore It is Ordered that Judgment be entered for the Plt against the said Deft. for what Damages the Plt hath sustained by Reason of the Trespass Assault and Battery in the Declaration mentioned upon an Enquiry thereof by a Jury"

On November 27, 1749, at Cumberland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1749-51/33 in the case of Wright v. Epperson the court granted the defendant additional time to present evidence:

"William Wright Plt)
agst) In Trespass Assault and Battery
Francis Epperson Deft)

This Day came the Parties by their Attornies and the said Deft. comes and defends the Force and Injury when &c and says that he is not Guilty of the Trespass Assault and Battery in the Declaration mentioned as the Plt against him hath complained and this he is ready to verify whereupon On the Motion of the Plt he has time til the next Court to consider of the said Plea the same Day is given the Deft. here &c and the Parties agreed that the Deft. might give any Special Matter in Evidence at the Trial of this Issue."

On March 26, 1750, at Cumberland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1749-51/55 the court dismissed the case of Wright v. Epperson by agreement of the parties:

"William Wright plt)
against) In Trespass Assault & Battery
Francis Epperson Deft)

Dismissed being Agreed by the parties"

The 1751 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"A List of Tithables in Goochland County for the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Fifty one taken by Thomas Starke

. . . .
William Wright List]
Philoman Johns] 3
Judy]
. . . ."

The 1752 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"Goochland County, a List of Tithables for the year one Thousand seven hundred & fifty two taken by Thos. Starke

. . . .
William Wright List]
Jack] 2
. . . ."

The appearance of slave Jack as a tithe identifies this William Wright for a number of years in the Goochland County Tithes Lists.

The 1753 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright in the John Clement household:

Name	Tithes
John Clement, Thomas Clement, Wm. Wright, Jack	4

The 1754 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"A List of Tithables taken for the year 1754 by Thos. Stark(?) Goochland

. . . .
Wm Right]
Jack] 2
. . . ."

The 1755 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"A List of Tithables taken by Thos Starke in Goochland County for the year of 1755

. . . .

Wm Wright list	]	
Wm Gilliam	]	3
Negroe - Jack	]	

. . . ."

The 1756 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"List of Tythables Taken by John Smith for the year 1756

. . . .

Wm Wright Lists	]	
Negro Jack	]	2

. . . ."

The 1757 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"List of Tythables by John Smith for the year 1757

. . . .

William Wright List	]	
Jack	]	2

. . . ."

On June 28, 1757, at Cumberland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1752-58/483 the court found William Wright to be a soldier and authorized the sheriff and others to find and apprehend him:

"The Proceedings of the Courts held in this County in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly for granting an Aid to his Majesty for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, are returned to Court and Ordered to be Recorded, which are as follows

'At a Court held for Cumberland County the 29th day of June 1757

'In Pursuance of an Act of Assembly intituted, An Act for granting an Aid to his Majesty for the better Protection of this Colony and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

'Present George Carrington County Lieut. Thomas Turpin, Stephen Bedford, Nicholas Davies, Creed Haskins, Thomas Davenport, Richard Povall, Bennett Goode, Thos. Tabb, Saml. Allen Thompson Swann, Poindexter Mosby, Samuel Flournoy Francis Macraw is appointed Clerk of the sd. Court.

'Pursuant to the said Act the Court doth adjudge the following Persons to be Soldiers. towit. George Nix, John Worley the 2d John Whorley the 3d Charles Davies, Wm. Bradley, Joseph Childress, Nowel Burton, Robert Burton, Wm. Russell, Benja. Ferris, Jeremiah Cannon, Stephen Carter, Wm. Wright, Powell Williams & Joseph Whorley and thereupon it is ordered that the Sherif together with Geo: Hancock Arther Moseley, Hezekiah Mosby, Wm. Smith & Joseph Woodson, Jacob Mosby, Micajah Mosby, Joseph Mosby, James Meredith, Robt. Chandler, John Harris, James Holman junr. & Wm. Trigg, go in search & apprehend the sd. Persons, according to the directions of the sd. Act before a Court to be held by Virtue of the said Act to be held at the Courthouse on Saturday next.

Geo Carrington"

This order to find William Wright is probably explained by his relocation from Cumberland County to his land in Goochland County after the formation of Cumberland County in 1748 and the failure of the county court records to reflect that move.

The 1758 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

Name	Tithes
William Wright's List: Jack	2

The 1759 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"List of Tythables Taken by John Smith for the year 1759

. . . .

William Wright List. Jack] 2

. . . ."

The 1760 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"A List of Titheables Taken by John Smith junr in ye year 1760

. . . .

William Wright & Negroe Jack] 2

. . . ."

The 1761 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"List of Tythables taken by John Smith For the year 1761

. . . .

William Wright & Jack] 2

. . . ."

The 1762 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

Name	Tithes
Will Wright	2

The 1763 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"Goochland County June 10, 1763 List of Tythes Land, and wheel Carrages taken by William Mitchell

			Acres
. . . .			
William Wright, Jack	2	Land	100
. . . ."			

This record identifies William Wright (Goochland County) as the William Wright who purchased 100 acres of land on March 6, 1746, by Goochland County Deed 6/175.

The 1764 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"Goochland County, June 10th 1764 the List of Tythes, Land, and wheal Carages, taken by Wil Michell

	Tythe	Land	Carages
. . . .			
William Wright. Jack	2	100	
. . . ."			

The 1766 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"Goochland County June 10th 1766 List of Tythes, Land, and wheel Carrages &c

	Tythe	Land	Carrages
. . . .			
William Wright. Jack	2	100	
. . . ."			

The 1767 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"A List of Tythables Taken in Goochland County for The year one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Seven By John Smith

. . . .		
William Wrights list	]	
Negro Jack 100 acres land	]	2
. . . ."		

The 1769 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"1769 List Tithes June 10 1769 Goochd County
William Harrisons List of Tithables

. . . .		
William Wrights	]	
Jack	]	2
. . . ."		

The 1770 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"A List of Tithables taken by Jesse Payne for the year 1770

. . . .	
Wm Right list	
Wm Ryan	2
. . . ."	

The 1771 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"A List of Tythes, Land, Carriages &c for 1771

		Tythes	Land	No. Cargs.
. . . .				
William Wright List	]	3	100	
William Ryan, Cracy	]			
. . . ."				

The 1772 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright with the following tithes:

"A List of Tythes, Land, Carriages &c for 1772

. . . .

William Wright List 1

. . . .

Taken by Wil: Michell for 1772"

The 1773 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed a William Wright, but with 12 tithes and 1 chair, indicating that this was a different William Wright from William Wright (Goochland County).

In November 1773 at Goochland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 12/370 the court exempted William Wright from further taxes as a poor and ancient person:

> "On the motion of William Wright a poor & Ancient person he is exempted by the Court from paying County Levies for the future."

"What Genealogists should know about 18th Century Virginia Law" by Mr. John P. Alcock, President of Friends of the Virginia State Archives, dated November 17, 1999, stated that until 1787 a person who was over about 60 years of age or disabled could be exempted from the tithable list. Accordingly, this record indicates that William Wright was probably born before about 1713.

The 1775 through 1784 Tithe Lists for Goochland County, Virginia, did not list any Wrights, but these lists were probably incomplete.

The 1782 through 1818 Personal Property Tax Lists for Goochland County, Virginia, did not list any Wrights.

The 1782 through 1825 Land Tax Lists for Goochland County, Virginia, also did not list any Wrights.

On January 25, 1786, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 14/244 William Wright sold his 100 acres of land to Benjamin Page:

> "This Indenture made this twenty fifth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Six Between William Wright of the County of Goochland of the one part & Benjamin Page of the sd County of the other part Witnesseth that the sd. Wm. Wright for & in Consideration of the Sum of fifty pounds lawfull money of Virginia by him the sd. Benjn Page to him the sd. Wm. Wright in hand paid before the Sealing & Delivery hereof the rect. whereof the sd. Wm Wright doth hereby acknowledge & thereof doth acquit & Discharge the sd. Benjn. Page his heirs Executors & Administrators hath granted bargained & Sold & by these presents doth grant bargain Sell Enfeoff & Confirm unto the sd. Benjn. Page his heirs & assigns one certain tract or parcel of Land lying & being in Goochland County & on lickinghole Creek Containing one Hundred acres more or less & is thus bounded (to wit) begining at a Corner pine on John Williams & running with Williams's line to the Cree thence across the Creek on James Clements's line & Running with Clements line to Charles Johnsons Corner Spanish Oak thence on Johnson's line to the Creek thence down the Creek opposit a small Branch thence across the Creek up the sd. Branch to a Corner white oak on Edward Scrugs line thence on Scrugs's line & Conoly Mullins line to the first Station with all Houses Orchards fences ways Waters & water Courses & all other of the appertinencies there unto belonging or any wise appurtaining to have & to hold the sd. one Hundred acres of Land & the before recited premisses with their appertinencies & the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders rents Issues & profits thereof & every part & parcel thereof with the appertinencies unto the sd Benjn Page his heirs & assigns to the only use & behoof of him the sd Benjn Page his heirs & assigns forever & the sd. Wm Wright his heirs Executors & Admtrs the sd. Messuage plantation & tract of land with the appertinencies unto him the sd Benjamin Page his heirs & assigns shall & will warrt. & forever Defend by these presents against the Claim & demand of him the sd. Wm. Wright his heirs & assigns or any other person or persons whatsoever & the sd William Wright for himself his heirs Executors & Administrators that the premisses & every part thereof are free & discharged from all manner of Incumbrances & that the sd Benjn. Page his heirs & assigns & not withstanding any act or thing by him the sd. William Wright his heirs & assigns or any other person or persons Committed done or Suffered shall & lawfully may forever hereafter have hold use occupy & enjoy the same every part thereof with the appertinencies without the lawfull let molestation of him the sd. Wm. Wright his heirs or assigns or any other person of persons whatsoever In

Witness whereof the sd. Wm. Wright to these presents hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his Seal the Day & year above Written.

Sealed & Delivered	)		his	
in presence of	)	William	W	Wright
George Richardson			mark	
John Herndon				
James Clements				

Memo. That on the Day of the Date of the within Written Indenture full & peaceable Seizon & possession of the within mention premisses with the appertinences was had & taken by me William Wright & by me given & Delivered to the Within mentioned Benjn. Page according to the form of the within Deed

Witness		his	
Geo. Richardson	William	W	Wright
John Herndon		marke	
James Clement			

Recd. on the Day of the Date of the within Indenture of the within named Benjn. Page fifty pounds lawfull money of Virginia being the Consideration money within Exspress'd

At a Court held for Goochland County February the 26th 1786

This Indenture was proved by the Oaths of James Clements & John Herndon to be the acts & Deeds of Wm. Wright wch was Continued for further proof

Teste
G. Payne ClCt

At a Court held for Goochland County March the 20th 1786

Geo. Richardson fully proved this Indenture to be the acts & Deeds of Wm. Wright wch. was ordered to be Recorded

Teste
G. Payne ClCt"

As will be set forth below, Anna Wright was the wife of Benjamin Page. The sale to Benjamin Page of all of the land owned by William Wright when he was at least 58 and possibly 73 years of age suggests a possible family relationship and this would be the

case if Benjamin Page was William Wright's son-in-law. This suggests that Anna (Wright) Page was probably the daughter of William Wright.

a. Probably Anna (Wright) Page, Her Husband Benjamin Page, And Her Descendants

Anna (Wright) Page was probably a daughter of William Wright and ____ (____) Wright. (1690 Francis[1],1730 John[2], William[3])

The Douglas Register listed the marriage of Anna Wright and Benjamin Page on December 3, 1771, at Goochland County, Virginia:

"Wright, Anna, & Ben: Page, both in Goochland Dec. 3 1771 p. 13."

The Douglas Register listed the birth of William Page, a son of Bejamin Page and Ann (Wright) Page, on March 5, 1773, at Goochland County, Virginia:

"Ben: Page & Ann Wright a son named William Born Mar. 5, 1773. Baptized Ap. 11, 1773. p. 94."

The Douglas Register listed the birth of Frances Page, a daughter of Bejamin Page and Anna (Wright) Page, on July 23, 1775, at Goochland County, Virginia:

"Ben: Page & Anna Wright a daughter named Frances Born Jul. 23, 1775. Baptized Aug 20, 1775. p. 99."

On January 25, 1786, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 14/244 Benjamin Page purchased 100 acres of land from William Wright:

"This Indenture made this twenty fifth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Six Between William Wright of the County of Goochland of the one part & Benjamin Page of the sd County of the other part Witnesseth that the sd. Wm. Wright for & in Consideration of the Sum of fifty pounds lawfull money of Virginia by him the sd. Benjn Page to him the sd. Wm. Wright in hand paid before the Sealing & Delivery hereof the rect. whereof the sd. Wm Wright doth hereby acknowledge & thereof doth acquit & Discharge the sd. Benjn. Page his heirs Executors & Administrators hath granted bargained & Sold & by these presents doth grant bargain Sell Enfeoff & Confirm unto the sd. Benjn. Page his heirs & assigns one certain tract or parcel of Land lying & being in Goochland County & on lickinghole Creek Containing one Hundred acres more or less & is thus bounded (to wit) begining at a Corner pine on John Williams & running with Williams's line to the Cree thence across the Creek on James Clements's line & Running with Clements line to Charles Johnsons Corner Spanish Oak thence on Johnson's line to the Creek thence down the Creek opposit a small Branch thence across the Creek up the sd. Branch to a

Corner white oak on Edward Scrugs line thence on Scrugs's line & Conoly Mullins line to the first Station with all Houses Orchards fences ways Waters & water Courses & all other of the appertinencies there unto belonging or any wise appurtaining to have & to hold the sd. one Hundred acres of Land & the before recited premisses with their appertinencies & the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders rents Issues & profits thereof & every part & parcel thereof with the appertinencies unto the sd Benjn Page his heirs & assigns to the only use & behoof of him the sd Benjn Page his heirs & assigns forever & the sd. Wm Wright his heirs Executors & Admtrs the sd. Messuage plantation & tract of land with the appertinencies unto him the sd Benjamin Page his heirs & assigns shall & will warrt. & forever Defend by these presents against the Claim & demand of him the sd. Wm. Wright his heirs & assigns or any other person or persons whatsoever & the sd William Wright for himself his heirs Executors & Administrators that the premisses & every part thereof are free & discharged from all manner of Incumbrances & that the sd Benjn. Page his heirs & assigns & not withstanding any act or thing by him the sd. William Wright his heirs & assigns or any other person or persons Committed done or Suffered shall & lawfully may forever hereafter have hold use occupy & enjoy the same every part thereof with the appertinencies without the lawfull let molestation of him the sd. Wm. Wright his heirs or assigns or any other person of persons whatsoever In Witness whereof the sd. Wm. Wright to these presents hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his Seal the Day & year above Written.

Sealed & Delivered)		his	
in presence of)	William	W	Wright
George Richardson		mark	
John Herndon			
James Clements			

Memo. That on the Day of the Date of the within Written Indenture full & peaceable Seizon & possession of the within mention premisses with the appertinences was had & taken by me William Wright & by me given & Delivered to the Within mentioned Benjn. Page according to the form of the within Deed

Witness		his	
Geo. Richardson	William	W	Wright
John Herndon		marke	
James Clement			

Recd. on the Day of the Date of the within Indenture of the within named Benjn. Page fifty pounds lawfull money of Virginia being the Consideration money within Exspress'd

At a Court held for Goochland County February the 26th 1786

This Indenture was proved by the Oaths of James Clements & John Herndon to be the acts & Deeds of Wm. Wright wch was Continued for further proof

Teste
G. Payne ClCt

At a Court held for Goochland County March the 20th 1786

Geo. Richardson fully proved this Indenture to be the acts & Deeds of Wm. Wright wch. was ordered to be Recorded

Teste
G. Payne ClCt"

The sale to Benjamin Page of all of the land owned by William Wright when he was at least 58 and possibly 73 years of age suggests a possible family relationship and this would be the case if Anna (Wright) Page was the daughter of William Wright (Goochland County) and Benjamin Page was William Wright's son-in-law.

The 1789 Personal Property Tax List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed Benjamin Page with the following household on March 14, 1789:

Date of Receiving Lists	Persons Names Chargeable with Tax	Names of white Tithables over 21 years old	W Tithes	White males over 16 under 21	Blacks Over 16 years old
March 14	Benjamin Page	1		1	

Blacks under 16 over 12 years old	Horses Mares &c	Carr Wheels	O. Licenses	(?) Stud Horses	Rate of covering pr Season	P (?)	Total amount of Taxes
	4						0.8.0

The 1802 Personal Property Tax for Goochland County, Virginia, listed Benjamin Page with the following household:

Date of receiving lists	Persons names chargeable with Taxes	No. of whites	Blacks over 16 yrs old	Blacks over 12 yrs old	Horses &c	Ordy. License	Stud Horses
	Benjamin Page	1			3		
	Wm of Benjamin Page	1					

Rates of covering	Phaetons &c	other 4 wheel Carriages	2 wheel Do

The 1810 Census for Goochland County, Virginia, listed Benjamin Page with the following household:

Name of Head of Family	Free White Males	Age	Free White Female	Age	All Other Free Persons	Slaves
Benjn Page	1	45+	1	45+		5
	1	16-26	1	26-45		
			1	16-26		

In her GenForum posting dated April 22, 2002, and her email dated April 26, 2002, Shirley Gross Dexter stated that Anna Wright was a daughter of William Wright and married Benjamin Page on December 3, 1771, at Goochland County, Virginia, that Benjamin Page died in 1779, and that Anna (Wright) Page and Benjamin Page had the following children:

1) William Page, born on March 5, 1773, and

2) Frances Page, born on July 23, 1775.

i. William Page

William Page was a son of Anna (Wright) Page and Benjamin Page. (1690 Francis[1], 1730 John[2], William[3], Anna[4])

The Douglas Register listed the birth of William Page, a son of Bejamin Page and Ann (Wright) Page, on March 5, 1773, at Goochland County, Virginia:

"Ben: Page & Ann Wright a son named William Born Mar. 5, 1773. Baptized Ap. 11, 1773. p. 94."

The 1789 Personal Property Tax List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed Benjamin Page with one white male titheable between the ages of 16 and 21. This would be consistent with William Page's birth in 1773 and this listing was probably for him.

The 1802 Personal Property Tax List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Page, son of Benjamin Page, with the following household:

Date of receiving lists	Persons names chargeable with Taxes	No. of whites	Blacks over 16 yrs old	Blacks over 12 yrs old	Horses &c	Ordy. License	Stud Horses
	Wm of Benjamin Page	1					

Rates of covering	Phaetons &c	other 4 wheel Carriages	2 wheel Do

In her GenForum posting dated April 22, 2002, and her email dated April 26, 2002, Shirley Gross Dexter stated that William Page was a son of Anna (Wright) Page and Benjamin Page and was born on March 5, 1773.

ii. Frances Page

Frances Page was a daughter of Anna (Wright) Page and Benjamin Page. (1690 Francis[1], 1730 John[2], William[3], Anna[4])

The Douglas Register listed the birth of Frances Page, a daughter of Bejamin Page and Anna (Wright) Page, on July 23, 1775, at Goochland County, Virginia:

> "Ben: Page & Anna Wright a daughter named Frances Born Jul. 23, 1775. Baptized Aug 20, 1775. p. 99."

In her GenForum posting dated April 22, 2002, and her email dated April 26, 2002, Shirley Gross Dexter stated that Frances Page was a daughter of Anna (Wright) Page and Benjamin Page and was born on July 23, 1775.

3. John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter), His Wife Judith (Barnes) Wright, Also Known As Judith (Easley) Wright, And His Descendants

John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was a son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County and Elizabeth (Meredith) Wright. (1690 Francis[1], 1730 John[2])

John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, was probably John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter). There is no documentary evidence for this identification, but circumstantial evidence and matching Y-DNA evidence support this identification. The evidence is best understood by first reviewing the documentation for John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, then the documentation for John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter), then the interconnections that indicate the identification of the two as the same person, and then the tithe listings which are possibly inconsistent with this identification.

a. Documentation For John Wright

The documentation that has been found for John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, is as follows.

The will of 1730 John Wright or Rite dated March 14, 1729/30, and probated on June 16, 1730, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 1/193 listed John Rite as his son:

> ". . . Item my will is that my Land at mudey Crek shall be sould by my Executrix if she can sell it for thirtey five pounds Curt. money by the time my Son Frances Rite cums of age and if my Executrix do sell that Land on mudey Crek then I do impower her to lay out ye money for a tract of Land wheare she shall se fit which tract of Land shall be equaley divided between my four Sons Merideth Rite, William Rite, John Rite, and Frances Rite to be Eaqualey divided as theay shall cum at the age of twenty one years . . . "

The 1746 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed John Wright and William Wright in the Southam Parish with one tithe each:

> "A List of Tithables taken the 10th day of June 1746 in Goochland County Southam Parish by Thos: Turpin (?):
>
> . . . .
>
> William Wright 1
>
> . . . .

John Wright 1

. . . ."

The appearance of John Wright in the 1746 Tithe List indicates that he was born before June 11, 1730. The date of the will of 1730 John Wright indicates that his son John Wright had to have been born before March 14, 1729/30.

The 1747 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed John Wright and William Wright in the List for Thomas Turpin in Southam Parish on June 10, 1747, with one tithe each:

"Southam Parish by Thomas Turpin 10 June 1747:

. . . .

William Wright 1

John Wright 1

. . . ."

In 1748 Cumberland County was formed from the portion of Goochland County south of the James River.

On February 26, 1753, at Cumberland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1752-58/59 Thomas Pleasant filed an account against John Wright and Frank Wright:

> "Thomas Pleasant came into Court and made Affirmation to four several Accounts to wit, one against John Wright, one against Frank Wright one against Peter Booker and one against George Wright, which is ordered to be certified."

The listing of both John Wright and Frank Wright in the same account indicates that this was probably for John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County.

No further records for John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, have been found after 1753 in Cumberland County, although in 1759 and later years there are records for 1770 John Wright of Cumberland County, the son of 1769 George Wright of Essex County.

b. Documentation For John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter)

The documentation that has been found for John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) has been set forth in full in Sorting Some Of The

Wrights Of Southern Virginia, Part II: John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter). A summary of that documentation is given below.

However, since publication of that work, additional evidence has come to light through the insightful research of Doug Rusmisell which establishes that the wife of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was Judith (Barnes) Wright, who was also known as Judith (Easly) Wright. That evidence is set forth below.

The first record of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was on April 10, 1739, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 3/213 when he purchased 358 acres of land from Robert Mimms. The identification of a Mimms as the seller of this land, its location on Lickinghole Creek, and the amount of land purchased and ultimately retained after two sales confirm that John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was the purchaser of this land. If John Wright was at least 18 years of age at the time of this land purchase, then his date of birth would be probably before 1722. Lickinghole Creek was north of the James River.

On September 25, 1741, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 3/491 John Right and his wife Judith sold 179 acres of land to Stephen Clement.

St. James Northam Parish Vestry Book 1744-1850 Goochland County, Virginia listed the following entry for September 23, 1745:

"John Wright for making Benches at the Church"

As will be set forth below, John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was identified as a carpenter in the tithe lists for Goochland County, indicating that this entry referred to him.

The 1746 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following tithes:

"List of Tythables in the Parish of St. James Northam & County of Goochland taken by John Smith for the year 1746

. . . .

John Wright, Jenny 2

. . . ."

The appearance of John Wright in the 1746 Tithe List indicates that he was born before June 11, 1730. As will be further set forth below, the listing of Jenny as a tithable in

John Wright's household indicates that he had married Judith Barnes, who had been given a slave Jenny in the will of her father John Barnes.

The 1747 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, for Northam Parish has not as yet been located.

On September 17, 1747, at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 6/389 John Wright and Judith Wright moved the court for payment as a witness in the suit of Laine v. Hughes. The conjunction of John and Judith Wright moving for witness fees in the same case makes clear that these records relate to John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) and his wife Judith (Barnes) Wright, also known as Judith (Easly) Wright.

St. James Northam Parish Vestry Book 1744-1850 Goochland County, Virginia listed the following entry for April 12, 1748:

> "Lines processioned are . . . . Lines between John Plesants and John Wright, Philip Ryan and John Mullins with John Mullins and John Mims present. Line between John Wright and John Mullins, John Mullins and John Mims, William McCormick, John Mullins and Charles Toney with John Mims, John Mullins, Philip Ryan and John Wright present. Line between John Mims and John Wright. . . . . The lines between Philip Ryan and John Pleasants and the line between Arthur Hopkins and Philip Ryan with John Wright and John Man present. . . ."

Since the land of John Wright the carpenter was adjacent to Mims, this was clearly a listing for that John Wright.

The 1748 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed John Wright with the following tithes:

> "List Tithables Taken June 10th 1748 p John Payne
> . . . .
> John W[ri]ght Carptr Tithes)
> Jeffry, Jany) 3
> . . . ."

This record indicates that John Wright was a carpenter and had two slaves Jeffry and Jany.

St. James Northam Parish Vestry Book 1744-1850 Goochland County, Virginia listed the following entry for January 27, 1748:

> "John Wright for taking down a pair of stairs."

St. James Northam Parish Vestry Book 1744-1850 Goochland County, Virginia listed the following entry for December 5, 1749:

> "Ordered that Tarlton Fleming, Arthur Hopkins and John Payne to view the Work done by John Wright on the Glebe House and the additional Building done by Wade Netherland."

St. James Northam Parish Vestry Book 1744-1850 Goochland County, Virginia listed the following entry for March 6, 1749/50:

> "John Wright for Horseblocks and putting putty on the windows at St. Johns Church."

On November 19, 1751, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 6/178 John Wright sold 60 acres of land to Robert Pleasants. John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was listed in the 1763 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, as owning 120 acres of land. The sale of 60 acres of land in Deed 6/178 reduced John Wright's holdings from 179 acres to 119 acres, or rounded off, 120 acres. The correspondence of the amount of land left to this John Wright on Lickinghole Creek and John Wright, the carpenter, of the tithe list identifies the two men as the same person.

John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) continued to be listed in the Tithe Lists for Goochland County, Virginia, from 1752 through 1772.

The Douglas Register listed the birth of Betty Wright, daughter of John Wright and Judah Easly, in February 1756:

> "John Wright & Judah Easly on Lickinhole, a Daugh: born feb: . . . . 1756 named Betty. Baptized 1756 Mar. 21"

The Douglas Register also listed the birth of Benjamin Wright, son of John Wright and Judith Barns, on March 22, 1759:

> "John Wright and Judith Barns a son named Benjamin born Mar: 22, 1759. Baptized 1759 Ap: 29."

As will be set forth below, both birth records were for John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) and his wife Judith (Barnes) Wright, but one listed with Judith's maiden name as that of her natural father John Barnes and one listed with Judith's maiden name as that of her stepfather Warham Easley.

On May 7, 1767, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 9/116 John Wright executed a mortgage on his remaining 119 acres of land to George Kippen & Company Merchants in Glasgow to secure a debt of 106 pounds, 9 shillings, 8 pence, and 3 farthings. The description of the land confirms that the same John Wright purchased the land in Goochland County Deed 3/213 from Robert Mims and sold the land in Goochland County Deeds 3/491 and 6/178, leaving him with 119 acres of land on Lickinghole Creek.

In July 1772 at Goochland County, Virginia, Ct.O.B. 12/212 George Kippen & Company obtained an order from the court directing John Wright to pay the debt secured by his mortgage upon demand and if not paid, authorizing the plaintiff to sell the land at public auction.

The 1773 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed Francis Wright with a tithe which might be John Wright, Rodorick Wright in the Major Josias Payne list, and William Wright Junr with the following tithes:

"A List of Tythes, Carrages &c for 1773
. . . .

Majr Josias Payne List.	)	
Rodorick Wright York,	)	
peter, Tom, Tom, Tom, Sam	)	12
Squire, Diner, Jane, Mole	)	
Francis Wright List. Crease,		
__ (Jno ?) Wright		3
William Wright Junr List		1

. . . ."

This record indicates that Roderick Wright was probably acting as an overseer for Major Josias Payne and that Francis Wright had probably become the head of the household for John Wright, the carpenter, or that John Wright, the carpenter, had died.

The 1775 through 1779 Tithe Lists for Goochland County, Virginia, did not list any Wrights, but these lists were probably incomplete.

c. Circumstantial Evidence Of Common Identity

There is a significant amount of circumstantial evidence indicating the common identify of John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright, and John

Wright (Goochland County Carpenter), including their ages, their places of residence, their occupations, their common association, and Y-DNA evidence.

i. Appropriateness Of Age

As set forth above, 1730 John Wright of Goochland County was born after September 14, 1678, and before June 13, 1684, married in about 1707 or 1708, and had the following children:

1) Meredith Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09, and before August 19, 1710,

2) William Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09, and before about 1713,

3) John Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09, and before March 14, 1729/30, and

4) Francis Wright, born after March 14, 1708/09, and before March 14, 1729/30.

The date of Meredith Wright's birth indicates that the births of the other three sons were probably in the 1710 to 1720 period.

Also as set forth above, John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was born probably before 1719 and married before probably 1736 and possibly before 1732, by which time his son John Wright had been born.

The result is that the available evidence indicates that the birth of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was within the same time period that John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, was born.

ii. Places Of Residence

As set forth above, 1730 John Wright of Goochland County born in probably Lancaster County, resided in Lancaster County until December 10, 1718, resided in Goochland County by January 7, 1722/23, and continued to reside there on August 4, 1725, and September 28, 1728, and until his death between March 14, 1729/30, and May 1730.

Also as set forth above, John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, would have resided with his parents in Goochland County at least until his father's death in 1730, when he was still under 21 years of age, and resided in 1746

and 1747 in Goochland County, when he was listed in the Tithe Lists for Goochland County, indicating he was born before about 1730.

And as also set forth above, John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was married probably before 1736 and possibly before 1732, the period during which his oldest son was born, and was resident in Goochland County on April 10, 1739, and thereafter until 1772.

The identified locations of the residence of these John Wrights are all consistent with John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright, and John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) being the same person and there is no inconsistent residence indicated, except possibly with regard to the 1746 Tithe List which is discussed below.

iii. Identical Occupations For Father And Son

As set forth above, on January 11 and 12, 1713/14, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/458 and 9/459 Francis Wright and his wife Anne of Christ Church Parish conveyed 50 acres of land by lease and deed of release to John Wright of Christ Church, carpenter, with Charles Wright as witness, and on January 8, 1713/14, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 9/461 John Wright, carpenter, purchased 50 acres of land from Peter and Elizabeth Kilgore, land which had formerly belonged to Ralph Briggs. These records clearly identify 1730 John Wright of Goochland County as a carpenter.

Similarly, as set forth above, St. James Northam Parish Vestry Book 1744-1850 Goochland County, Virginia listed payments to John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) for his work as carpenter and the 1748 Tithe List for Goochland County listed this John Wright as a carpenter.

The identical occupation of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County and John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) would be entirely appropriate for a father and son and is supportive of a relationship between these two persons.

iv. Appearance Of John Wright And William Wright Together

The will of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County listed four sons, including Meredith, William, John, and Francis. The oldest son

Meredith died in 1735. The 1736 Tithe List for Goochland County listed their mother Elizabeth Wright and did not list her sons. The 1746 and 1747 Tithe Lists for Goochland County listed William Wright and John Wright in Southam Parish of Goochland County, which was south of the James River where the land of 1730 John Wright had been situated. The 1748 Tithe List for Goochland County listed William Wright and Francis Wright in Southam Parish. Cumberland County was formed in 1748 from Goochland County south of the James River and no further tithe lists for Southam Parish have been found.

As set forth above, on April 10, 1739, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 3/213 John Wright purchased 358 acres of land from Robert Mimms. This land was north of the James River on Lickinghole Creek. On March 6, 1746, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 6/175 William Wright purchased 100 acres of land from John Mims. This land was adjacent to the land of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter). The 1746 Tithe List for Goochland County listed William Wright (Goochland County) and John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) in Northam Parish, which was north of the James River, consistent with the purchases of land by each of them on Lickinghole Creek. The 1748 Tithe List for Goochland County also listed William Wright (Goochland County) and John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) in Northam Parish. The 1752 Tithe List for Goochland County also listed both William Wright and John Wright in the Thomas Starke list.

These records indicate that the brothers William and John and Francis Wright, the sons of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, stayed reasonably close together well after their father's death and probably well after their mother's death. The adjacent purchase of land by William Wright (Goochland County) and John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) also suggest a family relationship such as brothers.

v. Matching Of Y-DNA Sequences

As set forth above, the Y-DNA of descendants of 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County and descendants of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) match closely enough to indicate a common ancestor within two to three generations back from each of them. As set forth above, 1767 Francis Wright

was probably a son of Francis Wright, Jr., and Ann (_____) Wright and a grandson of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County. As set forth above, 1730 John Wright of Goochland County was a son of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County. If John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was the same person as John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, then 1767 Francis Wright and John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) would have a common ancestor two generations back, consistent with the Y-DNA results for both. This is strong evidence that the identification of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) as the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County is correct.

However, as set forth above in connection with 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County, there are two alternative theories which could explain the Y-DNA evidence.

The first theory is that it is possible that Francis Wright, Jr., and Anne (____) Wright had two children, the older one 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County and the younger John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter). In the late 1730's, probably following the death of their father in King William County, both sons migrated further south and west from King William County, the older one to Hanover and Louisa Counties and the younger one somewhat further south to Goochland County. This theory is also consistent with the fact that John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) named one of his sons Francis Wright.

This would make John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) a son of Francis Wright and Anne (____) Wright and also a grandson of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County.

The second theory is that John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was a descendant of an as yet unidentified ancestor of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County. This second theory is based on the following evidence.

The inventory and appraisement of 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County was filed on June 10, 1691, at Lancaster County, Virginia, W.B. 8/13B and listed a John Wright as an appraiser. This was probably the John Wright listed in the tithe lists adjacent to 1690 Francis Wright and was probably the John Wright who was described in the court order books as a bricklayer and was probably 1698 John Wright of

Lancaster County. There was a second John Wright who was described in the Lancaster County court order books as a plasterer. The similarity of the occupations of bricklayer and plasterer suggest a family relationship and this second John Wright (Lancaster County Plasterer) was probably the son of 1698 John Wright of Lancaster County, also known as John Wright (Lancaster County Bricklayer). As noted above, 1730 John Wright of Goochland County was once described in the Lancaster County records as a carpenter and again the similarity of occupations suggests a possible family relationship. John Wright (Lancaster County Plasterer) has not been traced beyond Lancaster County.

However, one piece of evidence indicates that John Wright (Lancaster County Plasterer) died in Lancaster County before March 18, 1718, with two daughters Elizabeth and Mary. On May 12, 1719, at Lancaster County, Virginia, D.B. 11/119 Thomas Flint and his wife Elizabeth of Christ Church Parish sold land in Lancaster County that had been given by John Wright, late of Christ Church Parish, to his daughters Elizabeth Wright and Mary Wright shortly before his death:

> "This Indenture made the twelth day of May in the year of our Lord God according to the Computatione of the Church of England one thousand seven hundred and ninteen Between Thomas Flint and Elizabeth his wife of the parish of Christ Church in the County of Lancaster planter and John Norris of the parish of Christ Church in the County of Lancaster Carpenter of the other part Whereas John Wright late of the same parish in the said County of Lancaster died sized with a tract of Land being in the same parish and County of amarter(?) [____] acres of Situated and lying between the Land of David Gluckers(?) South 2d East 192 poles along the line of John Hubbard Nothe 72-1/2 East 28 poles along the line of Mary Kelly south 144 pole South 30-1/4 West 32 poles the said Land he gave one his death bed before welsefsey(?) to his two Daghters Elizabeth Wright and Mary Wright to be divided eqalys between them and was divided by Edwin Conway one the eightene day of March 1718 Between Elizabeth Wright and John Norris Husband to the aforesaid Mary Wright and gave bond to each other the Land lying and on Mary Kellys Laid out by the aforesaid Conway belonging to Elizabeth Wright now the wife of the said Thomas flint I Thomas flint And Elizabeth my wife for and in Consideration of thirty pound Sterling money of England paid by the sd John Norris at the Ensealing and delivery hereof the receipt which hereby acknowledged and for other good causes and Cont___ them thereunto moving hath granted and bargained sold aliened Enfected and Confermed and by these presence doth grant bargain sell alien enfoofe and Conferme unto the aforesaid John Norris his heirs and Assignes forever the wright and title of the aforesaid Land belonging to

the said Elizabeth Wright now the wife of Thomas flint or to any part or parsill of the aforesaid land belonging to the said John Wright decd but hath together with all and singular the houses outhouses buildings fences Orchyards paster woods and underwoods Timber and timber trees and all priviledges to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said John Norris his heirs and assines forever and shall and will warrant and by these presence ever defend against the claim or claimes of any person or persons whatsoever and the said Thomas Flint and Elizabeth his wife doth further agree with the said John Norris his heirs Exsikitres &c: that at the next Court Court to be held for the said County of Lancaster they will acknowledge these presents in due form of law and finally shall do make acknowledge suffer Leney(?) and Execute all and sundry such further and other act & acts thing and things devises and apurnuncy(?) in the law whatsoever as by the said John Norris his heirs & assignes shall reasonably desire advised or required In witness wherof the abovesaid Thomas flint and Elizabeth his wife hath hereunto set there hand and seale the day and year abovesaid.

Sealed and Delivered	Thomas flint
in the presence of	Eizabeth flint
Thos: Carter Junier	his
James Reylie	Will W Laurence
	mark

Memorandum

That the day and year within written Quiet and peaceable possession and Livery and Seizin of the Lands Comprised in the within dead was given and delivered by turf and twigg unto the sd John Norris in the presence of

Thos Carter Junier
James Reylie
his
William W Laurence
mark

Lancaster SS

Att a Court held for Lancaster County the 13th day of May Anno Domony This deed wth Livery & Seizin thereon Endorsed was acknowledged by Thomas flint & Elizabeth his wife unto Jno Norris (the sd Elizabeth being first privately Examined by ye Court) and att his prayer is ordered to be recorded & is recorded this 19th day of May next following

Wm Dare Clk Cort"

The only John Wright known to have resided in Lancaster County at this time was John Wright (Lancaster County Plasterer) and this deed indicates his death before May 12, 1719, in Lancaster County, Virginia.

It is possible that John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was a son of John Wright (Lancaster County Plasterer) and grandson of John Wright (Lancaster County Bricklayer) and that both 1690 Francis Wright of Lancaster County and John Wright (Lancaster County Bricklayer) were sons of an unidentified father ____ Wright. Under this theory, John Wright (Lancaster County Plasterer) migrated from Lancaster County to King William County with his cousin Francis Wright, Jr., at about the same time, that is, in 1718. Francis Wright, Jr., and John Wright (Lancaster County Plasterer) both then resided in King William County where the next generation of Wrights was born. In the late 1730's, John Wright (Lancaster County Plasterer)'s son John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) migrated further south and west from King William County to Goochland County and settled there. In the late 1730's, Francis Wright, Jr.'s son 1767 Francis Wright of Amherst County migrated from King William County to Hanover and Louisa County and ultimately to Amherst County and settled there.

However, Lancaster County, Virginia, Deed 11/119 set forth above would seem to preclude this second theory.

While either of these two theories is possible and cannot be compleetely eliminated from consideration, the circumstantial evidence set forth above indicates that it is more probable that John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was a son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County.

d. Possible Inconsistency Of 1746 To 1748 Tithe Lists

There is evidence that is potentially inconsistent with the identification of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) as the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County.

The 1746 Tithe List for Goochland County listed William Wright and John Wright in Northam Parish and also listed William Wright and John Wright in Southam Parish. This simultaneous listing of William and John in two separate parishes in the same county indicates there were two sets William and John Wrights. The Northam Parish

set would be William Wright (Goochland County) and John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) and the Southam Parish set would be the sons of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County.

The 1747 Tithe List for Goochland County also listed William Wright and John Wright in Southam Parish, but the Northam Parish list has not yet been located.

The 1748 Tithe List for Goochland County listed William Wright and John Wright in Northam Parish and listed William Wright and Francis Wright in Southam Parish, but did not list a John Wright. The Southam Parish Wrights would again be two of the sons of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County.

However, Cumberland County was formed in 1748 from the portion of Goochland County south of the James River. There are no deed records for John Wright in Cumberland County until 1758 when 1769 George Wright of Essex County gifted land to his son 1770 John Wright of Cumberland County. In addition, there are no court orders for Cumberland County listing John Wright except for an account filed by Thomas Pleasants against John Wright and Frank Wright in 1753. There was no indication in that Court order that either John Wright or Frank Wright were then residing in Cumberland County. And there are no deed records listing William Wright. And there are no court orders naming William Wright after several court orders relating to a lawsuit against Francis Epperson in 1749 and 1750 and none of those orders indicate William Wright was then residing in Cumberland County. The result is that there are no extant records in Cumberland County indicating the continued residence there of William Wright and John Wright, the sons of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County.

The question is why, if William Wright (Goochland County) and John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) were the same persons as William Wright and John Wright, the sons of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, they were listed in both the Northam and Southam Parishes in the 1746 Tithe List.

There appear to be two possible answers.

The first answer is that the move of William Wright and John Wright from Southam Parish to Northam Parish was not immediately reflected in the lists, and the list taker then incorrectly carried them on the lists for several more years. However,

there were two different list takers and not that many persons in each list, which makes this an improbable explanation.

The second answer is that William Wright and John Wright were operating plantations in Southam Parish, either as lessees or sharecroppers, were doing so even after they purchased land in Northam Parish and so were listed in both parishes as tithables. This latter explanation is the more probable and would explain the duplicate listings in the tithe lists and their substantial absence from the Cumberland County records.

There is one piece of evidence that indicates John Wright was operating a plantation south of the James River in 1748 even though he owned no land there. The Vestry Book of Southam Parish, Cumberland County, Virginia 1745-1792 compiled by Ann K. Blomquist included the following listing:

> "Processioners returns May 21, 1748
>
> In obedience to an Order of the Vestry of Southam Parish We have processioned the lines in our precinct as followeth, a line between James Cock and Nathaniel Maxey not done, a line between Cock and George Baskerville not done for want of Cock Attendance, all the rest of the lines processiond in presants of Benjamin Childrey, Philip Thomas, George Baskervile, John Woodson, Hutchins Burton, John Wright, Stephen Cox and William Sheys processioned by us.
>
> March ye. last day 1748 William Stone
> Jos: Woodson"

There is no record of the acquisition by John Wright of land in Goochland County south of the James River, other than that acquired by 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, and this listing of John Wright as present during the processioning of land in Southam Parish in 1748 indicates that he was managing or leasing land in Southam Parish in 1748, which would be consistent with his being listed as a tithable there in 1746 and 1747.

Finally, it seems improbable that even though William and John were common first names, there would be two sets of brothers or closely related persons named William Wright and John Wright both living in Goochland County in the mid-1740's. While not impossible, the probability is greater that these tithe listings were for the

same two brothers, the sons of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County who began their residence in Goochland County south of the James River and then after the death of their mother acquired their own land north of the James River.

d. Summary

The result of this review of the evidence is that the circumstantial evidence strongly indicates that John Wright, the son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County, was the same person as John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) and the only possibly inconsistent evidence is explainable and does not necessarily contradict the conclusion.

The documentary evidence regarding John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) has been set forth in Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia, Part II; John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter), except for his son Benjamin Wright mentioned above, and is not repeated here. That material is available online for downloading at:
https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/1184469?availability=Family%20History%20Library

e. Judith (Barnes) Wright As The Wife Of John Wright (Goochand County Carpenter)

In Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia, Part II: John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) I identified Judith (Easly) Wright as the wife of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter). That identification was as follows.

The Douglas Register listed two separate entries for a birth to a John Wright and his wife Judith.

The first was the birth of Betty Wright, daughter of John Wright and Judah Easly, in February 1756:

> "John Wright & Judah Easly on Lickinhole, a Daugh: born feb: . . . . 1756 named Betty. Baptized 1756 Mar. 21"

The second was the listing for John Wright and Judith Barns on March 22, 1759:

> "John Wright and Judith Barns a son named Benjamin born Mar: 22, 1759. Baptized 1759 Ap: 29."

Since as set forth above, John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) had a wife Judith, either of these birth records could be for John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter), but there were two reasons for identifying the first record for Judith Easly as the record for John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter). First and most importantly, the birth record indicates that John Wright and Judah were "on Lickinhole" and the land of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was located on Lickinghole Creek. This would seem to be a clear identification of the relevant family. Second, John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) named one of his children Roderick Wright. The name Roderick is also found in the Easley family. The will of Warham Easley dated on September 24, 1747, and probated in November 1747 at Henrico County, Virginia, W. & D.B. 1744-1748/30 also named one of his sons Rodrick. Although the relationship of Judith (Easly) Wright and Warham Easley was not then known, the name Roderick is sufficiently rare to add support to the identification of Judith (Easly) Wright as the wife of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter).

Although efforts were made to identify the parents of Judith (Easly) Wright, no Easly or Easley family could be identified to which she belonged.

In his letter dated December 18, 1997, Lee Shinn stated that Stephen & Mary Easley In Sullivan County, Tennessee stated that Judith Easley was a daughter of John Easley and Mary (Benskin) Easley and was born between 1711 and 1715 in Virginia. However, that identification was apparently based on A Tentative Outline Of U.S. Easley Lines Primarily To The Year 1800 by Virginia Easley DeMarce.

In A Tentative Outline Of U.S. Easley Lines Primarily To The Year 1800 dated January 1970 Virginia Easley DeMarce stated that the Judith Easley who married John Wright was a daughter of John Easley and Joyce (Allen) Easley who were married about 1732 to 1735. However, in her draft revision of A Tentative Outline and in her email dated October 10, 1998, Mrs. DeMarce stated that she had concluded that that identification was not correct, based on the incompatibility between the date of marriage of John and Joyce of 1732 to 1735 and the joinder by Judith (Easley) Wright in Goochland County Deed 3/491 in 1741. In her email dated October 17, 1998, Mrs. DeMarce speculated that Judith (Easley) Wright might have been a child of William

Easley, son of Robert Easley, and Mary (Pyrant) Easley, but that little was known of that Easley family.

The Easley Family by Johnye Harben also stated that Judith Easley was a daughter of John Easley and Joyce (Allen) Easley and married John Wright in 1756, but no source for this identification was given.

Douglas Rusmisell first made the identification of Judith (Barnes) Wright as the same person as Judith (Easly) Wright and the wife of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter). That evidence is as follows.

Colonial Wills Of Henrico County, Virginia, Part One 1677-1737 compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III listed the will of John Barnes as follows:

> "p. 493
> Will of John Barnes
> To daughter Mary Barnes, items and negro man Peter
> To Son John, Items
> To son William, items, when of age
> To son James, plantation I live on after his mother's death and likewise my plantation at Pickanocke, and land next to the branch above it, and items
> To daughter Judith Barnes, rest of land at Pickanocke, items, and negroes Mingo and Jenne, when she marries
> To wife Sarah, negroes, etc.
> I impower my wife to let over the plantation I come from in James Citty County, and make good title to land, provided said Crawley will pay her L35 due on bond
> Wife to be executrix
> Dated 4 April 1720 Prob. 6 June 1720 Wt: Matt. Branch, Jr. Mat. Duprays"

Colonial Wills Of Henrico County, Virginia, Part Two 1731-1781 compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III listed further proceedings for the estate of John Barnes as follows:

> "Henrico County, Virginia, Minute Book 1719-1724
>
> Court 6 June 1720
>
> p. 29
>
> Will of John Barnes presented by Sarah Barnes, Executrix, proved by witnesses; William Randolph and Warham Easley, security
> . . . .
>
> Court 5 February 1721

p. 155

Warham Easly and Sarah his wife, executrix of John Barnes, dec'd exhibit a bond of Robert Crawley's and make oath they found same among John Barnes's papers"

These two records taken together indicate that Sarah (____) Barnes had married as her second husband Warham Easley between June 6, 1720, and February 5, 1721.

As Douglas Rusmisell noted, these records also explain the two birth entries in The Douglas Register set forth above. In the first record the wife of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) was listed by her then stepfather Warham Easley's last name as Judith (Easly) Wright and in the second record Judith was listed by the name of her natural father John Barnes' last name as Judith (Barnes) Wright. The two Judiths were the same person.

Henrico County, Virginia, Deeds 1737-1750 by Benjamin B. Weisinger III stated that in June 1738 at Henrico County, Virginia, Court Orders 1737-1744/43 a deed from James Barns, John Wright, and Judith Barns to Daniel Price was recorded. Although the actual deed is missing from the Henrico County records, the listing of James Barns and Judith Barns as grantors indicates that the same land at Pickanocke that had been given by John Barnes in his will to his son James and his daughter Judith was involved in this deed and the joinder of John Wright in the deed indicates that Judith Barnes had married John Wright before June 1738.

If John Wright was at least 18 years of age at the time of his marriage, then his date of birth would be probably before 1720.

In his email dated March 30, 2000, Ken Barnes also stated that Daniel Price, the purchaser of the Barnes land from James Barnes, Judith Barnes, and John Wright in the Henrico County deed dated June 1838 was a descendant of the Daniel Price who originally patented the land with Will Porter, Jr., on April 24, 1689, and divided the same on April 21, 1690, and that this ancestor Daniel Price resided in the area described as Pickanocks or Pequenocky, which is located on the now eastern edge of the City of Richmond between the James and Chickahominy Rivers.

Additional evidence for this identification is the gift of slave Jenne to Judith Barnes in the will of John Barnes. As set forth above, the 1746 Tithe List for Goochland County listed Jenne as one of the tithables in the John Wright household. This would seem to confirm the identification of Judith (Barnes) Wright as the wife of John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) and the same person as Judith (Easly) Wright of the birth record in The Douglas Register.

Virginia DeMarce also provided further evidence regarding Warham Easley and identified Sarah (____) (Barnes) Easley as the daughter of Richard Raibone, Sr.

Colonial Wills Of Henrico County, Virginia, Part One 1677-1737 compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III listed the will of Richard Raibone, Sr., as follows:

"Henrico Wills & Deeds 1725-1737

p. 356

Will of Richard Raibone, Sr."

To son Thomas, items
To sons Richard, John, William, Charles, daughter Mary Gibbs, and son in law Warham Easley, each, 1 shilling
Son George, to have rest of the estate and to be executor,
Dated 31 Dec. 1730
Wit: William Pearce, William Eales
Recorded 7 Aug. 1732"

The listing of Warham Easley as his son-in-law identifies Sarah (____) (Barnes) Easley as Sarah (Raibone) (Barnes) Easley.

4. Francis Wright

Francis Wright was a son of 1730 John Wright of Goochland County and Elizabeth (Meredith) Wright. (1690 Francis[1], 1730 John[2])

The will of 1730 John Wright or Rite dated March 14, 1729/30, and probated on June 16, 1730, at Goochland County, Virginia, D.B. 1/193 listed Francis Rite as his son:

". . . Item my will is that my Land at mudey Crek shall be sould by my Executrix if she can sell it for thirtey five pounds Curt. money by the time my Son Frances Rite cums of age and if my Executrix do sell that Land on mudey Crek then I do impower her to lay out ye money for a tract of Land wheare she shall se fit which tract of Land shall be equaley divided between my four Sons Merideth Rite,

William Rite, John Rite, and Frances Rite to be Eaqualey divided as theay shall cum at the age of twenty one years . . . "

The 1748 Tithe List for Goochland County, Virginia, listed William Wright and Francis Wright in the Southam Parish on June 10, 1748, with one tithe each:

"A List of Tithables taken in Southam Parish June 10 1748

. . . .

William Wright	1
Francis Wright	1

. . . ."

The appearance of Francis Wright in the 1748 Tithe List indicates that he was born before June 11, 1732. The date of the will of 1730 John Wright indicates that his son Francis Wright had to have been born before March 14, 1729/30.

On February 26, 1753, at Cumberland County, Virginia, Court Order Book 1752-58/59 Thomas Pleasant filed an account against Frank Wright:

"Thomas Pleasant came into Court and made Affirmation to four several Accounts to wit, one against John Wright, one against Frank Wright one against Peter Booker and one against George Wright, which is ordered to be certified."

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DESCENDANTS OF

1690 FRANCIS WRIGHT OF LANCASTER COUNTY AND

HIS WIFE MARY (HILL) (WRIGHT) (LAWRENCE) MEREDITH

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Francis Wright
B possibly before 1646 & probably before 1654
Possibly res before Sep 23, 1663 @ Virginia
M before Jan 11, 1670/71 probably @ Lancaster County, Virginia
Res Nov 8, 1671 & Nov 12, 1672 & Dec 14, 1673 & Nov 11, 1674 & Nov 10, 1675 & Mar 8, 1675/76 & Jan 9, 1677/78 & Nov 14, 1678 & Jun 3, 1679 & Dec 10, 1679 & Mar 10, 1679/80 & May 26, 1680 & Sep 8, 1680 & Nov 11, 1680 & Jan 16, 1682/83 & Nov 1683 & Dec 8, 1686 & Nov 9, 1687 & Dec 14, 1687 & Feb 8, 1687/88 & May 9, 1688 & Oct 10, 1688 @ Lancaster County, Virginia
D after Oct 10, 1688 & before Aug 13, 1690 @ Lancaster County, Virginia

N-165, 1984: W.B. 8/13B, 4252, 4297, 4306, 4348, 4660, 48088, 5187, 5770, 7856

(Constable in 1679)

Mary (Hill) (Wright) (Lawrence) Meredith
B probably before 1656 & before Sep 12, 1660
M1 before Jan 11, 1670/71 probably @ Lancaster County, Virginia
Res Aug 13, 1690 @ Lancaster County, Virginia
M2 after Sep 26, 1690 & before Jan 12, 1698/99
Res Mar 9, 1698/99 & Sep 14, 1699 & Jun 14, 1705 & Nov 11, 1706 @ Lancaster County, Virginia
M3 after Nov 11, 1706
D before Mar 8, 1706/07 @ Lancaster County, Virginia

4252, 4305: D.B. 9/186 & D.B. 9/225, 4306
4307: D.B. 7/33, 4660

(4 children in 2nd generation)

(1) Francis Wright
B before Jan 12, 1677/78 probably @ Lancaster County, Virginia
Res Nov 11, 1697 & Nov 10, 1698 & Jan 12, 1698/99 & Jan 14, 1700/01 & Nov 11, 1703 & Nov 8, 1704 & Jun 13, 1705 & Dec 13, 1705 @ Lancaster County, Virginia
M before Mar 7, 1706/07
Res Mar 7 & 8, 1706/7 & Jun 10, 1707 & Dec 15, 1713 & Jan 8 & 11, 1713/14 & Feb 3, 1715/16 & Dec 10, 1718 W Lancaster County, Virginia
D

4305: D.B. 9/213 & D.B. 9/214 & D.B. 9/225 & D.B. 9/230 & D.B. 9/458 & D.B. 9/459 & D.B. 9/461 & D.B. 9/477 & D.B. 11/54 & D.B. 11/56 & D.B. 11/110, 4306, 6224: Ct.O.B. 6/38A & Ct.O.B. 6/38B & Ct.O.B. 6/134B

Anne (____) Wright
B
M before Mar 7, 1706/07
Res Mar 8, 1706/7 & Jan 11, 1713 & Dec 15, 1713 & Feb 3, 1715/16 & Dec 10, 1718 @ Lancaster County, Virginia
D

4305: D.B. 9/225 & D.B. 9/458 & D.B. 9/477 & D.B. 11/54, 6224: Ct.O.B. 6/38A & Ct.O.B. 6/38B & Ct.O.B. 6/134B

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(1 child in 3rd generation)

(1) Francis Wright
B probably before 1711 probably @ Lancaster County, Virginia
Res @ King William County, Virginia
M
Res Sep 12, 1742 & Oct 10, 1742 & Dec 11, 1742 & Jan 9, 1743 & Jul 11, 1743 @ Louisa County, Virginia
Res Feb 13, 1748 @ Albemarle County, Virginia
Res May 8, 1750 @ King William County, Virginia
D between Dec 9, 1766 & Sep 7, 1767, w.p. Sep 7, 1767 @ Amherst County, Virginia

100: D.B. 1/20 & D.B. 1/22, 105: D.B. A/404, 306: W.B. 1/110 & W.B. 1/120, 672, 1095, 1294, 1297, 1409, 1639, 1716, 1721, 1726, 2224, 2381: Vol 14/1 & 17/2 & 17/3 & 17/4, 2680, 2776, 2961, 3679

Mary (Hawkins) Wright
B
Res @ Louisa County, Virginia
M
Res May 8, 1750 @ King William County, Virginia
D

1095, 1409, 1409a, 1716, 1721, 2680, 2776, 2961, 3679

(See Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia, Part VII: 1767 Francis Wright Of Amherst County for descendants)

(2) Charles Wright
B before Jan 12, 1677/78 probably @ Lancaster County, Virginia
Res Mar 9, 1698/99 & Nov 12, 1702 & Nov 11, 1703 & Nov 8, 1704 & Dec 13, 1705 & Mar 8, 1706/7 & Aug 19, 1710 & Jan 8, 1713/14 & Jun 7, 1717 & Dec 10, 1718 @ Lancaster County, Virginia
M
D

4305: D.B. 9/225 & D.B. 9/324 & D.B. 9/461 & D.B. 11/92 & D.B. 11/110, 4306

(3) Mary (Wright) Briggs
B before Jan 12, 1698/99 probably @ Lancaster County, Virginia
Res Jan 12, 1698/99 @ Lancaster County, Virginia
M after Jan 12, 1698/99 & probably before Dec 15, 1713
Res Mar 8, 1706/7 & Dec 15, 1713 & Feb 3, 1715/16 & Jun 7, 1717 & Dec 10, 1718 @ Lancaster County, Virginia
D before Jan 7, 1722

4306, 4305: D.B. 11/56 & D.B. 11/92, 6224: Ct.O..B. 6/134A, 6933

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Probably Ralph Briggs
B
M after Jan 12, 1698/99 & probably before Dec 15, 1713
Res Mar 8, 1706/07 & Dec 15, 1713 & Jan 2, 1713/14 & Feb 3, 1715/16 & Jun 17, 1717 & Dec 10, 1718 @ Lancaster County, Virginia
D before Jan 7, 1722/23 @ Henrico County, Virginia, probate Jan 7, 1722 @ Henrico County, Virginia

1786, 4305: D.B. 9/225 & D.B. 9/476 & D.B. 9/507 & D.B. 11/56 & D.B. 11/92 & D.B. 11/110, 6224: Ct.O.B. 6/134A, 6933

(2 children in 3rd generation)

(1) Lydia (Briggs) Parsons
B after Aug 1713 & before Jan 7, 1722/23
Res Jan 7, 1722/23 @ Henrico County, Virginia
M after May 29, 1734 & before Aug 13, 1743
Res Aug 13, 1743 & Dec 17, 1743 @ Goochland County, Virginia
Res @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
D

1249, 1500, 1588, 1786, 1980, 4332, 4355

Richard Parsons
B probably before Aug 1711
Res Aug 1732 & Aug 1734 @ Goochland County, Virginia
M after May 29, 1734 & before Aug 13, 1743
Res Jan 30, 1741 & Jan 16, 1743 & Apr 22, 1743 & Aug 13, 1743 & Dec 17, 1743 @ Goochland County, Virginia
Res Jan 10, 1748 & Jun 1749 & 1750 @ Lunenburg County, Virginia
Res Mar 1753 & Dec 18, 1766 @ Halifax County, Virginia
Res 1771 & 1782 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
D between Dec 22, 1783 & Feb 21, 1785 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia

1249, 1500, 1980, 4332, 4355

(8 children in 4th generation)

(1) Samuel Parsons
B
M Dec 21, 1779 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
Res May 8, 1798 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
D before May 20, 1816, probate May 20, 1816 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia

4332, 4355

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4332, 4355 Rebecca (Farthing) Parsons
B
M Dec 21, 1779 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
D

(4 children in 5th generation)

4332 (1) Rachel Parsons
B
Res @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
M
D

4355 (2) Joel Parsons
B after Nov 1798
Res Nov 1819 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
M
D

4355 (3) William Parsons
B
M
D before Nov 1819

4355 ____ (____) Parsons
B
M
D before Nov 1819

(1 child in 6th generation)

4355 (1) Dudley Parsons
B after Nov 1798
Res Nov 1819 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
M
D after Nov 1819

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4355 (4) Mishel (Parsons) Parsons
B
M
D

4355 John Parsons
B
M
D

4332, 4355 (2) Hannan (Parsons) Midkiff
B
M1 None
M2
D

4355 1st ____ ____
B
M None
D

(1 child in 5th generation)

4355 (1) ____ Parsons
B c. 1752 to 1755
M
D

4332, 4355 2nd Joseph Midkiff
B
M
D

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4332, 4355 (3) Agnes (Parsons) Midkiff
B
M @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
Res Apr 1781 @ Halifax County, Virginia
D

(Member of Sandy Creek Church of Halifax County, Virginia)

4332, 4355 John Midkiff
B
M @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
Res Apr 1781 @ Halifax County, Virginia
D

(Member of Sandy Creek Church of Halifax County, Virginia)

1500, 4332, 4355 (4) George Parsons
B before 1746
Res May 14, 1764 & Sep 16, 1766 @ Halifax County, Virginia
Res Jun 1767 & Aug 3, 1771 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
M before May 26, 1773
D

4355 Anne (Griffeth or Griffith) Parsons
B
M before May 26, 1773
D

1041, 4332, 4355 (5) Joseph Parsons
B before Jun 10, 1745
Res Apr 19, 1764 & Jun 10, 1767 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
M1 before May 26, 1773
Res May 26, 1773 & Jul 25, 1801 & 1810 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
M2 Aug 24, 1824 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
Res 1830 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
D after 1830 & before Jan 20, 1834 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia

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4355 1st Margaret "Peggy" (Griffith) Parsons
B
M before May 26, 1773
Res May 26, 1773 & Jul 25, 1801 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
D after Jul 25, 1801 & before Aug 24, 1824

(1 child in 5th generation)

4355 (1) John Parsons
B
M
D

4355 Mishel (Parsons) Parsons
B
M
D

1041, 4355 2nd Sally (Thompson) Parsons
B
M Aug 24, 1824 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
D

1041, 4332, 4355 (6) John Parsons
B
Res Jun 10, 1767 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia
M before Jan 22, 1784
D before Jun 1808 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia

4355 Sarah (Atkins) Parsons
B
M before Jan 22, 1784
D

(9 children in 5th generation)

/ +1 / +2 / +3 / +4 / +5 / +6 / +7 / +8 / +9 / +10 / +11 / +12 / +13

4355 (1) Eli Parsons
B
M
D

4355 (2) Frederick Gabriel Parsons
B
M
D

4355 (3) Jesse Parsons
B
M
D

4355 (4) William Parsons
B
M
D

4355 (5) Richard Parsons
B
M
D

4355 (6) John Parsons
B
M
D

4355 (7) Leviney Parsons
B
M
D

/ +1 / +2 / +3 / +4 / +5 / +6 / +7 / +8 / +9 / +10 / +11 / +12 / +13

4355 (8) Sally Parsons
B
M
D

4355 (9) Lydia (Parsons) Midkiff
B
M
D

4355 ____ Midkiff
B
M
D

4332, 4355 (7) William Parsons
B
M before Sep 15, 1794
D after Feb 22, 1818 & before Mar 16, 1818 @ Pittsylvania County, Virginia

4355 Mary "Polly" (Blanks) Parsons
B
M before Sep 15, 1794
D

(3 children in 5th generation)

4355 (1) Elizabeth (Parsons) Farthing
B
M before Dec 15, 1806
D

4355 ____ Farthing
B
M before Dec 15, 1806
D

/ +1 / +2 / +3 / +4 / +5 / +6 / +7 / +8 / +9 / +10 / +11 / +12 / +13

4355 (2) Richard Parsons
B
M
D

4355 (3) Henry Parsons
B
M
D

(8) Lydia (Parsons) Yates 4332, 4355
B
M
Res @ Missouri
D

Stephen Yates 4332, 4355
B
M
Res @ Missouri
D 1836 @ Pittsylvnia County, Virginia

(2) George Briggs 1588, 1786, 1980
B after Jan 7, 1701/02 & before May 29, 1713
Res Jan 7, 1722/23 & Henrico County, Virginia
Res Jun 20, 1733 @ Goochland County, Virginia
M
D between May 29 & Aug 20, 1734 or Jun 1734 @ Goochland County, Virginia

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(4) John Wright
B after Sep 14, 1678 & before Jun 14, 1684 probably @ Lancaster County, Virginia
M c. 1707 or 1708 probably @ Lancaster County, Virginia
Res possibly Dec 14, 1687 & Sep 14, 1699 & Nov 1700 & Nov 11, 1703 & Jun 14, 1705 & Mar 8, 1706/7 & Jan 11 & 12, 1713/14 & Dec 15, 1713 & Nov 6, 1714 & Nov 14, 1716 & Dec 10, 1718 @ Lancaster County, Virginia
Res Jan 7, 1722/23 @ Henrico County, Virginia
Res Aug 4, 1725 & Sep 28, 1728 @ Goochland County, Virginia
D betw Mar 14, 1729/30 & May 1730 @ Goochland County, Virginia, w.p. Jun 16, 1730 @ Goochland County, Virginia

N-94: P.D. 14/8, 824: D.B. 1/457 & D.B. 1/458, 974: D.B. 1/193 & D.B. 1/194, 1588, 1785, 1786, Ct.O.B. 1/20 & Ct.O.B. 1/242 & Ct.O.B. 1/257 & Ct.O.B. 3/196, 1980, 2061, 2601, 3194, 3530, 4018, 4214, 4250, 4251, 4271, 4305: D.B. 9/225 & D.B. 9/230 & D.B. 9/458 & D.B. 9/459 & D.B. 9/461 & D.B. 9/477& D.B. 9/516, 4306, 6224: Ct.O.B. 6/38B & Ct.O.B. 6/77

(Carpenter in 1714)

Elizabeth (Meredith) Wright
B
M c. 1707 or 1708 probably @ Lancaster County, Virginia
Res Jun 1730 & Nov 1, 1733 & Jul 30, 1736 & Aug 1736 @ Goochland County, Virginia
D

824: D.B. 1/457 & D.B. 1/458, 974: D.B. 1/193, 1673, 1674, 1867, 1927: Ct.O.B. 1/242 & Ct.O.B. 1/257 & Ct.O.B. 2/12 & Ct.O.B. 2/122 & Ct.O.B. 3/6 & Ct.O.B. 3/141 & Ct.O.B. 3/178 & Ct.O.B. 3/196 & Ct.O.B. 3/223 & C.T.O.B. 3/228 & Ct.O.B. 3/276 & Ct.O.B. 3/879 & Ct.O.B. 4/24 & Ct.O.B. 4/44 & Ct.O.B. 4/70, 3194, 4305: D.B. 9/516, 6224: Ct.O.B. 6/83

(4 children in 3rd generation)

(1) Merideth or Maridy Wright
B after Mar 14, 1708/09 and before Aug 19, 1710 probably @ Lancaster County, Virginia
Res Aug 19, 1710 @ Lancaster County, Virginia
M
D before Jul 1735, Inv. Jan 20, 1735/36 @ Goochland County, Virginia

974: D.B. 1/193 & D.B. 2/163, 1867, 1927: Ct.O.B. 3/276 & Ct.O.B. 3/879 & Ct.O.B. 4/24 & Ct.O.B. 4/44 & Ct.O.B. 4/70, 3194, 4305: D.B. 9/324

/ +1 / +2 / +3 / +4 / +5 / +6 / +7 / +8 / +9 / +10 / +11 / +12 / +13

(2) William Wright — 974: D.B. 1/193, 1673, 1674, 1927: Ct.O.B. 4/114, 2056: Ct.O.B. 1749-51/16 & 20 & 23 & 33 & 55 & Ct.O.B. 1752-58/483
B after Mar 14, 1708/09 & before Jun 11, 1719 & possibly before 1713 probably @ Lancaster County, Virginia
Res possibly 1735 @ Goochland County, Virginia
Res Aug 19, 1736 & 1746 & 1747 & 1748 @ Goochland County, Virginia
M
Res 1786 @ Goochland County, Virginia
D

____ (____) Wright — 3993
B
M
D

(1 child in 4th generation)

(1) Probably Anna (Wright) Page — 241, 3993
B
M Dec 3, 1771 @ Goochland County, Virginia
D

Benjamin Page — 241, 824: D.B. 14/244, 2104, 2296, 3993
B
M Dec 3, 1771 @ Goochland County, Virginia
Res Jan 25, 1786 & Mar 14, 1789 & 1802 & 1810 @ Goochland County, Virginia
D

(2 children in 5th generation)

(1) William Page — 241, 2104, 3993
B Mar 5, 1773 @ Goochland County, Virginia
Res Mar 14, 1789 & 1802 @ Goochland County, Virginia
M
D

/ +1 / +2 / +3 / +4 / +5 / +6 / +7 / +8 / +9 / +10 / +11 / +12 / +13

(2) Frances Page — 241, 3993
B Jul 23, 1775 @ Goochland County, Virginia
M
D

(3) John Wright — 824: D.B. 3/213 & D.B. 3/491 & D.B. 6/178 & D.B. 9/116, 1652, 1673, 1674, 1784, 1927: Ct.O.B. 6/389 & Ct. O.B. 7/89 & 11/18 & Ct.O.B. 11/119 & Ct. O.B. 11/137 & Ct.O.B. 12/212, 2458, 2853, 3032b, 3131, 3132, 3133, 3194, 3267, 3548, 7738
B after Mar 14, 1708/09 & probably before 1719
M after Apr 4, 1720 & probably before 1736 & before Jun 1738
Res Apr 10, 1739 & Sep 25, 1741 & Sep 23, 1745 & 1746 & 1747 & Apr 12, 1748 & Jun 10, 1748 & Jan 27, 1748/9 & Dec 5t, 1749 & Mar 6, 1749/50 & Nov 19, 1751 & 1752 & 1754 & 1755 & 1756 & 1764 & Jun 10, 1757 & 1759 & 1760 & Sep 25, 1760 & 1761 & 1762 & Jun 10, 1763 & Jun 10, 1765 & Jun 10, 1766 & May 7, 1767 & Jun 10, 1768 & Sep 12, 1769 & 1770 & 1771 & 1772 @ Goochland County, Virginia
D

Judith (Barnes) Wright, once known as Judith (Easly) Wright — 241, 824: D.B. 3/491, 1784, 1785, 1927, Ct.O.B. 6/389, 2853, 3132, 3133, 7738
B
M probably before 1736 & before Jun 1738
D after Feb 1756

(See Sorting Some Of The Wrights Of Southern Virginia, Part II: John Wright (Goochland County Carpenter) for descendants)

(4) Francis Wright — 974: D.B. 1/193, 1674, 2056: Ct.O.B. 1752-58/59
B after Mar 14, 1708/09 & before Mar 14, 1729/30
Res probably 1748 @ Goochland County, Virginia
Res possibly Feb 26, 1753 @ Cumberland County, Virginia
M
D

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